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NEARBY

Suburban rail project: PM to lay foundation stone

BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the much awaited suburban rail project in the city on June 20. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced the Prime Minister's programme at an event on Monday.

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Quota: Panchamashalis set June 27 deadline

BENGALURU

Close on the heels of the Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha's push to recommend the inclusion of the community in the Central OBC list, the Panchamashali sect of the community has increased pressure on the government to include the sub-sect in the State's OBC Category 2A before June 27.

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Nod given to CWMA to discuss Mekedatu

CHENNAI

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) will take up the ₹9,000-crore Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project of the Karnataka government for discussion at its meeting to be held on June 17.

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More nations express outrage; India flays OIC

UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Indonesia, Maldives, Pak. lodge protest

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

India on Monday hit out at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) over its statement condemning the derogatory comments made by two BJP leaders on Prophet Muhammed and Islam, even as more nations, including India's crucial Gulf partner, the UAE, security partners Oman and Jordan, Pakistan and the Maldives, came out strongly against the remarks.

Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, said the OIC's comments were "misleading and mischievous".

Criticising the comments by Nupur Sharma and Navin Kumar Jindal, who were suspended by the BJP amid international opprobrium, the UAE urged India to foster "mutual coexistence".

In the strongly worded response to the OIC, Mr. Bagchi said the bloc should stop its "communal approach". "It is regrettable that the OIC Secretariat has yet again chosen to make motivated, misleading and mischievous comments. This only exposes its divisive agenda being pursued at the behest of vested interests," he said.

Earlier, the OIC "strongly condemned" the derogatory remarks and connected them with other internal developments in India. "These abuses come in the context of the escalation of hatred and abuse of Islam in India and in the context of the systematic practices against Muslims and restrictions on them," it said.

The official spokesperson's strongest response was reserved for the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif, who had urged the world to "severely reprimand India" and take note of the offensive comments. "Our love for the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is supreme. All Muslims can sacrifice their life for the Love & Respect of their Holy Prophet (PBUH)," Mr. Sharif said on Sunday.

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Upping the ante: People staging a protest demanding the arrest of Nupur Sharma in Mumbai. • EMMANUAL YOGINI

Nupur Sharma complains of death threat

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police have registered a first information report (FIR) over complaints made by former BJP national spokesperson Nupur Sharma that she received death threats over her remarks against Prophet Muhammed. A senior police officer said an investigation had been initiated.

Her complaint was received at the cyber cell unit on May 28. Notices had been sent to Twitter.

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Sikh leader calls for arms training

Akal Takht head says efforts needed to strengthen religion as it faces challenges

VIKAS VASUDEVA
AMRITSAR

Giani Harpreet Singh, the chief priest of the Akal Takht, the highest Sikh temporal seat, said on Monday that Sikhs were confronting several challenges, and efforts were needed to strengthen the religion. He urged Sikh organisations to encourage training in "traditional martial art" and "modern weapons", especially for the youth.

Mr. Singh was addressing a congregation of the Sikh faithful on the 38th anniversary of Operation Bluestar at the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar. Pro-Khalistan slogans were raised, and several youth were seen carrying "Khalistan Zindabad" banners and placards. Many wore outfits with picture of the slain separatist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, and hailed his sacrifice and vowed to continue the struggle for Khalistan.

"The policy of suppressing Sikhs was started when India got Independence. The outcome was seen in 1984, with an attack on Sachkhand Sri Harmandar Sahib (Golden Temple), Sri Akal Takht Sahib and other Gurdwara Sahibs," he said.

In order to prevent youth from drifting towards drugs, Mr. Singh urged Sikh organisations to focus on training them in "traditional martial art" forms and also set up "modern weapons training centres".

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On watch: Policemen standing guard at a market in Amritsar during a shutdown called by various Sikh organisations. • AFP

Godse signboard surfaces in Karkala

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Residents of Bola village panchayat in Karkala taluk of Udupi district were caught off guard when they noticed that a signboard naming a newly asphalted road after Nathuram Godse had been put up by someone. The Udupi district police removed the 'Padugiri Nathuram Godse Road' signboard that had been installed by the roadside.

Karkala taluk, which is the home constituency of Energy and Kannada & Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar. The incident came to light following circulation of a photograph of the signboard on social media. Local Youth Congress activists tweeted that they would launch an agitation for removal of the signboard.

Bola Gram Panchayat vice-president S. Kiran Kumar said people were shocked to see the board bearing Godse's name. "The gram panchayat has not taken any decision to name that newly asphalted road after Godse. Some miscreants have installed the signboard to create a controversy," he told *The Hindu*.

Following a complaint by panchayat development officer Rajendra, the Karkala Rural police removed the board, Mr. Kumar said.

Zilla Pachayat Chief Executive Officer H. Prasanna said Mr. Rajendra, in his complaint, had sought action against persons who had installed the board to create unrest in society.

Personnel of Bola Gram Panchayat in Karkala taluk of Udupi district removing the signboard • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Oil prices skyrocket

120 In $ per barrel, the intraday high reached by Brent crude (a major global crude oil benchmark). Saudi Arabia raised the July official selling price for Arab light crude to Asia by $2.10 from June to a $6.50 premium, the highest since May, when prices hit all-time highs due to worries of disruption in supplies from Russia. The price rise followed a decision of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies to boost output for July and August, 50% more than what was previously planned. AGENCIES

Wales enters World Cup

64 The number of years after which Wales entered the World Cup as Ukraine's dreams of lifting the spirits of a war-torn country were cruelly denied by a 1-0 defeat in Cardiff. The last time Wales entered the football tournament was in 1958. Gareth Bale's free-kick, which was turned into his own net by Ukrainian captain Andriy Yarmolenko, separated the sides despite the visitors dominating the game in sodden conditions at the Cardiff City Stadium. Ukraine beat Scotland 3-1 on Wednesday. AP

Monkeypox case count

780 The number of laboratory-confirmed cases of monkeypox reported or identified from May 13 till June 2 from 27 countries across four WHO regions that are not endemic for the monkeypox virus, according to the World Health Organization. The UN's health agency said that while epidemiological investigations are ongoing, most reported cases so far have been presented through sexual health or other health services in primary or secondary health care facilities. PTI

Mountains of waste

34 In tonnes, the amount of waste collected from four mountains, including the world's highest peak Mount Everest, in Nepal as part of a cleaning campaign that concluded on World Environment Day, according to the Nepal Army. This year, the army collected 33.8 tonnes of garbage since April 5. This year's waste collection remains the highest. Around 10 tonnes were amassed in 2019 and over 27 tonnes last year, the army here said in a statement. The campaign was not conducted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PTI

Booming global tourism

117 In million, the global tourist arrivals in the first quarter of 2022, compared to 41 million in the same period in 2021, with Europe leading the rebound as COVID restrictions were eased, according to the Madrid-based UN World Tourism Organization. The number of international tourist arrivals tripled in the first three months of 2022, with an increase of 182% when compared to the last year. Although the figure remained 61% lower than the first quarter of 2019, it showed that tourism was recovering "at a strong pace". AFP

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EXPLAINER

The debates around the Surrogacy Act

What are the various provisions under the Act which dictate who can commission a surrogacy? Are the laws too restrictive?

THE GIST

- As per the Surrogacy Act, a married couple can opt for surrogacy only on medical grounds. It also prescribes an age-criteria for both the man and woman. Though the law allows single women to resort to surrogacy, she has to either be a widow or a divorcee. Single men are not eligible.
- Only a close relative of the couple can be a surrogate mother. She should have been married, with a child of her own. She can only be a surrogate mother once.
- Even at the Bill stage, there was some apprehension about the too restrictive regulations. For instance, it does not allow single (never been married) women, or men, or gay couples to go in for surrogacy.

RAMYA KANNAN

The story so far: Petitioners in the Delhi High Court questioned why marital status, age, or gender were the criteria for being allowed to commission or not commission surrogacy in India. The female petitioner said that she already had a child but the trauma of the first childbirth experience and her need to juggle work with child care persuaded her that surrogacy would be a better option for the second child. But under the provisions of the Surrogacy Act, she was denied a chance at commissioning surrogacy.

As per the Surrogacy Act that kicked in from January this year, a married couple can opt for surrogacy only on medical grounds. The law defines a couple as a married Indian "man and woman" and also prescribes an age-criteria with the woman being in the age group of 23 to 50 years and the man between 26 to 55 years. Additionally, the couple should not have a child of their own. Though the law allows single women to resort to surrogacy, she should either be a widow or a divorcee, between the age of 35 to 45 years. Single men are however, not eligible.

What is the Surrogacy Act?
The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill was introduced in Parliament in November 2016, and passed in the Winter session of Parliament in 2021.

The Act sought to regulate the surrogacy part of a rather flourishing infertility industry in the country. Defining 'surrogacy' as a practice where a woman undertakes to give birth to a child for another couple and agrees to hand over the child to them after birth, it allows 'altruistic surrogacy' – wherein only the medical expenses and insurance coverage is provided by the couple to the surrogate mother during pregnancy. No other monetary consideration will be permitted.

Why is there a need for a Surrogacy Act in India?
India has emerged as a hub for infertility treatment, attracting people from the world over with its state of the art technology and competitive prices to treat infertility. Soon enough, due to prevailing socio-economic inequities, underprivileged women found an option to 'rent their wombs' and thereby make money to take care of their expenses – often to facilitate a marriage, enable children to get an education, or to provide for hospitalisation or surgery for someone in the family.

Once information of the availability of such wombs got out, the demand also picked up. Unscrupulous middle men inveigled themselves into the scene and exploitation of these women began. Several instances began to emerge where women, in often desperate straits, started lodging police complaints after they did not receive the promised sum.

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Other issues also began to crop up. For instance, in 2008 a Japanese couple began the process with a surrogate mother in Gujarat, but before the child was born they split with both of them refusing to take the child. In 2012, an Australian couple commissioned a surrogate mother, and arbitrarily chose one of the twins that were born.

The time therefore, was ripe for proper regulation.

Who all are allowed to make use of the services of a surrogate mother?
Any couple that has 'proven infertility' are candidates. The 'intending couple' as the Act calls them, will be eligible if they have a 'certificate of essentiality' and a 'certificate of eligibility' issued by the appropriate authority. The former will be issued if the couple fulfils three conditions: One, a certificate of infertility of one or both from a district medical board; Two, an order of parentage and custody of the surrogate child passed by a Magistrate's court; Thirdly, insurance cover for the surrogate mother.

An eligibility certificate mandates that the couple fulfil the following conditions: They should be Indian citizens who have been married for at least five years; the female must be between 23 to 50 years and the male, 26 to 55 years; they cannot have any surviving children (biological, adopted or surrogate); However, this would not include a 'child who is mentally or physically challenged or suffers from life threatening disorder or fatal illness.'

Who can become a surrogate mother?
Only a close relative of the couple can be a surrogate mother, one who is able to provide a medical fitness certificate. She should have been married, with a child of her own, and must be between 25 and 35 years, but can be a surrogate mother only once.

What are the controversies behind the Act?
Even at the Bill stage, while there was a general murmur of appreciation, and some strident approval from infertility experts, there was some apprehension about the too restrictive regulations. For instance, it does not allow single women, or men, or gay couples to go in for surrogacy. Representations from these groups emerged even as Health Minister J.P. Nadda introduced the Bill in the House.

Others, primarily those involved in organ transplantation, pointed out how despite a similar, stringent law – the Transplantation of Human Organs Act – organ commerce continues to thrive in the country. Brokers continue to operate, though with less temerity and more covertly, sometimes with hospital authorities, to pull wool over the eyes of the appropriate authority and law enforcement officials. Clearly the issue will have to be handled with a stern visage, even as sensitivities of people are factored in.

What lies ahead?
These apprehensions and perceived hitches due to the exclusionary criteria, have already come to the forefront in the short period that the Act has been operational. A path of litigation is possibly the course ahead, and if a critical mass builds up, amendments might have to be resorted to in order to resolve the grievances and ensure access for all categories of parents.

EXPLAINER

The provisions of the withdrawn draft on social media regulations

What were the proposed changes to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021?

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: On June 2, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) put out a draft proposal, seeking comments from the general public on a set of proposed amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. The draft document was however withdrawn the same day. It had proposed measures to strengthen the oversight mechanism for regulating content on social media platforms. The draft stated that the measures dealt with "new and emerging issues" and addresses identified "gaps" in the legislation so as to make the internet more open, safe, trusted and accountable to its users. The MeiTY reposted the draft amendments on its website, inviting comments from stakeholders in the next 30 days, the same day this article went to press.

What is the law?
Broadly, the IT Rules (2021) mandate social media platforms to exercise greater diligence with respect to the content on their platforms. They are required to establish a grievance redressal mechanism, and remove unlawful and unfitting content within stipulated time frames.

The grievance officer of the platform's redressal mechanism is responsible for receiving and resolving complaints of the users. She/he is expected to acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 24 hours and dispose the same in an appropraite manner within 15 days. Content portraying an individual in full or partial nudity, in a sexual act or impersonating some other individual in the act (using morphed photos) are required to be removed within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. Its access and spread by any other means on the platform should also be disabled. Other than this, the privacy policies of the social media platforms must ensure that users are educated about not circulating copyrighted material and anything that can be construed as defamatory, racially or ethnically objectionable, paedophilic, threatening the unity, integrity, defence, security or sovereignty of India or friendly relations with foreign states, or violative of any contemporary law.

What changes were proposed in the withdrawn draft?
The draft proposed an additional level of oversight, namely, the 'Grievance Appellate Committee', functioning over and above the intermediary's grievance redressal officer. Broadly, in case a user is not satisfied with the resolution provided by the intermediary, she/he can appeal against the decision at the appellate rather than going directly to court. However, this did not take away the user's right to appeal in any other court. The draft stipulated that all orders of this appellate must be complied with. The suggested question on 'oversight' stemmed from the fact that the appellate was to be constituted by the Central Govt – empowered to appoint the Chairperson and other members.

• AFP

Digital advocacy group, Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) said that "worryingly, this would have made the government the arbiter of permissible speech on the internet and incentivised social media platforms to suppress any speech that may not be palatable to the government." Additionally, the draft put forth the obligation that all social media intermediaries resolve all complaints within 72 hours of reporting. Intermediaries are known to invest sizeable time in thoroughly scrutinising and determining the content and user accounts they are called to censor. For example, Twitter took two-three days to censor former U.S. President Donald Trump's account following a close review of his tweets and their context, particularly in light of the January 6 violence at the White House, the previous year. The shortened timelines therefore invited fears of a hastier approach to get things done. "Such a short-time line would have created the possibility of disposal of grievances without application of mind and led to arbitrary restriction on speech," the IFF states.

What needs to be remembered is that all social media platforms deal with a sizeable user base and an even more massive content flow. For example, between March 25 and April 26 this year, Twitter acted against a total of 1,494 URLs for violating varied community standards. In addition, it processed 108 grievances seeking account suspensions and overturned 52 account suspensions during the mentioned period. Even if a miniscule fraction of these people were to approach the appellate, both the microblogging platform and the committee could be potentially burdened. Not to forget, the data is for a month-long period and for a single entity, and such occurrences are recurrent and could only multiply the case count. Further, a sub-clause suggested the appellate dispose such cases within thirty days furthering the probability for hasty decisions.

Have there been any legal challenges?
Both Bombay and Madras High Courts stayed the imposition of sub-clauses 1 and 3 of Rule 9 of the legislative guidelines in August and September of the previous year, respectively. The two sub-clauses dealt with the 'Code of Ethics' for online publishers dealing with news and current affairs content and/or curated content. The sub-clauses had stated that the entities subscribe to a three-tier mechanism in dealing with grievances (relevant to their platform) so as to adhere to their code. This entails self-regulation by the publishers (level I), by self-regulating bodies of the publishers (level II) and finally, an oversight mechanism by the Central Govt (level III).

When argued at the Bombay High Court in August 2021, Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh mentioned that 97% publishers of news and current affairs had not challenged the 2021 Rules and thus the provisions are accepted and implemented. The Bombay High Court however ruled, "People would be starved of the liberty of thought and feel suffocated to exercise their right of freedom of speech and expression, if they are made to live in present times of content regulation on the internet with the Code of Ethics hanging over their head as the Sword of Damocles." The Supreme Court will now hear this matter on July 19.

THE GIST

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Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) which includes explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (June 7, Monday), the following explainers are available:

- The debates around the Surrogacy Act - https://bit.ly/surract
- The provisions of the withdrawn draft on social media regulations - https://bit.ly/socmedwith
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IN BRIEF

Ravi Kumar is KERC chief

BENGALURU

Former Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar was appointed as Chairman of Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on Monday. He had held the charge of Energy Department in 2017. He will have a term of five years or till he attains the age of 65, whichever is earlier, the government order said.

PSI recruitment scam: CID files three more FIRs

BENGALURU

Continuing the investigation into the PSI recruitment scam, CID officials on Sunday filed three more FIRs against candidates who allegedly cleared the exam through the OMR scam.

Based on the investigation, the officials registered a case of cheating and forgery against Harish, Darshan Gowda, and Mohan Kumar.

COVID-19 is under control, says Bommai

'Health Secretary will report on precautions taken in districts'

A file photo of a student being administered COVID-19 vaccine in Bengaluru.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

COVID-19 is under complete control and people need not panic unnecessarily, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told mediapersons in Bengaluru on Monday.

The Principal Secretary in the Health and Family Welfare Department would review the COVID-19 management and precautions taken in all the districts, and submit a report. Appropriate decision would be taken based on the report, he said.

Replying to questions related to Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah's criticism of revision of school textbooks, Mr. Bommai said it is not the first time that the textbook revision committee has been dissolved. "Mr. Siddaramaiah is politicking in everything," the Chief Minister said.

"It has happened many times in the past. Did they withdraw the revised text then? They should not create confusion unnecessarily. We have an open mind on this issue. We are ready to rectify the mistakes. We will rectify and reprint the textbooks," Mr. Bommai said.

Some seers have appealed for research on the 'Peer Pasha Bangla' dargah at Basavakalyan in Bidar. The Archaeology Department would look into it, Mr. Bommai said. Some Veerashaiva-Lingayat seers urged Mr. Bommai to survey the Peer Pasha Bangla at Basavakalyana claiming that it was the original Anubhava Mantap, the sacred seat of 12th century social reformer Basaveshwara.

Testing and mask awareness to be stepped up following spike in cases

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The city's civic body has decided to increase testing for COVID-19 and restart awareness drives in the city to ensure people wear masks, in the backdrop of rising cases. The city reported 222 cases on Monday and has 2,328 active cases, a steady climb over the past week.

Special Commissioner Harish Kumar, briefing the media, after Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath chaired a meeting of all zonal commissioners in the city, said the situation in the city was not alarming, but the civic body had initiated all precautionary measures to prevent a spike.

"Civic Marshals will be deployed at all public places across the city to create awareness and ensure people wear masks. They will not levy penalties for not wearing masks, but will create awareness," he said, adding indoor spaces like malls, restaurants were already ensuring people wore masks. Mr. Nath also directed all zonal commissioners to submit to him a report on ILI and SARI cases being reported at private hospitals.

New facilities

Students at the newly inaugurated robotics and artificial intelligence lab in Bengaluru on Monday. It was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on the birth anniversary of Padma Bhushan H. Narasimhaiah, physicist, educator, writer, freedom fighter, and rationalist. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Monkeypox: Districts asked to increase surveillance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Following directions from the Union Health Ministry, Karnataka on Monday directed officials to step up monkeypox surveillance and set up a two-bed isolation ward in each of the district hospitals for cases, if reported.

So far, no confirmed cases of monkeypox have been detected in India. Although a suspected case has been reported in Ghaziabad, U.P., there is no confirmation from the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, Anil Kumar T.K., Principal Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) told *The Hindu*.

At a video conference with Deputy Commissioners, zilla panchayat CEOs, and District Health Officers (DHOs) on Monday, the Health Secretary instructed officials to sensitise health workers for early identification, confirmation, and treatment of monkeypox.

"Apart from setting up a two-bed isolation ward in every district hospital, we have asked the officials to train health staff on identifying symptoms. With cases of monkeypox being detected even in non-endemic countries, travel history is vital. We have given the district administrations a list of countries where the infection is being reported and have asked them to keep a watch on travellers from those countries," he said.

"The Union Health Ministry last week released detailed guidelines on surveillance, identification, confirmation, and treatment of the viral infection in the country. We are issuing those guidelines in Kannada to the districts to ensure they are prepared to handle any outbreak," he said.

The monkeypox virus is a slow-mutating DNA virus that is spread through large respiratory droplets and requires prolonged close contact with a patient for transmission. It can also spread through bodily fluids, material from within the skin lesions, and contaminated clothes and linens of an infected person.

It can take anywhere between five to 21 days after infection for the symptoms to show up, with the person becoming infectious - having the ability to spread the virus - one to two days before the skin rashes develop till after they fall off.

Health Commissioner Randeep D., quoting the guidelines, said for a person to be suspected to have the infection, he/she must have a history of travel to the affected countries in the last 21 days, an unexplained rash, and one of the other symptoms such as swollen lymph nodes, fever, headache, body ache, and profound weakness.

The virus can be confirmed by detection of unique sequences of viral DNA either by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and/or sequencing.

Woman held in Rakesh Tikait attack case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Grounds Police have arrested Umadevi, who was a part of a gang which attacked farmers' leader Rakesh Tikait on May 31.

The police had arrested three persons, and based on the investigation arrested Umadevi from Hebbal on Monday, a police officer said. The accused had not only created ruckus at the venue after the attack but also fought with the people present at the press conference and shouted slogans to instigate, while the police were arresting the accused. The police have analysed the video recording of the incident to confirm her involvement and arrested her.

The police are investigating further.

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The general public at large are hereby notified that the properties described in the Schedule hereunder were subject matter of an unregistered general power of attorney Dt. 30.11.2015 executed by **Smt. K.V. Jayalakshamma, Smt. S.N. Vijayalakshmi & Shri K.V. Prabhakar** in favour of Shri Keerthiraj Shetty S/o Y.K. Shetty, # 58, 1st Cross, 1st Main, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaloora - 560 094. Before accomplishment of any act or exercise of any powers under the said power of attorney, Shri K.V. Prabhakar died on 22.02.2019. Further, vide legal notice Dt. 06.06.2022 got issued by Smt. K.V. Jayalakshamma & Smt. S.N. Vijayalakshmi to Shri Keerthiraj Shetty, the above unregistered power attorney Dt. 30.11.2015 has been cancelled, and Shri Keerthiraj Shetty is no more power of attorney holder with respect to the Schedule Properties, and he does not have any manner of right, title or interest whatsoever over the Schedule Properties. The general public are hereby cautioned not to deal or interact in any manner whatsoever with Shri Keerthiraj Shetty with respect to the Schedule Properties, and even after this caution notice, if any persons were to transact/deal with respect to the Schedule Properties with Shri Keerthiraj Shetty, the same shall not be binding on our Clients Smt. K.V. Jayalakshamma & Smt. S.N. Vijayalakshmi, and they shall in no manner whatsoever be responsible for any pros & consequences that would follow as per law.

SCHEDULE

1) All that piece & parcel of land in **Sy. No. 20** measuring **3 Acres 34 Guntas** situated at Bhoopasandra Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District, bounded on the **East: Sy. No. 21, West: Sy. No. 28, North: Central Excise Layout & South: Sy. Nos. 22 & 23.**

2) All that piece & parcel of land in **Sy. No. 21** measuring **2 Acres 32 Guntas** situated at Bhoopasandra Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District, bounded on the **East: Agricultural University's Land, West: Sy. No. 20, North: Central Excise Layout & South: Sy. Nos. 22 & 23**

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO.48 (Old NH-4), HAVERI-HUBLI SECTION, DHARWAD

No.: SLAO/NH-4/LAQ/CR-204/2022-23 **Dated : 06-06-2022**

As per powers vested under section 3D(1) and (2) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956) with amendment Act of 1997, the Central Government has acquired lands specified in schedule for building (widening/Six laning, etc.) of National Highway No.48 (Old NH-4) between Haveri-Hubli Section from Km.340.000 to Km.403.400 in the District of Haveri in the State of Karnataka. This notification has been published in the Gazette of India Part-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii) under No.S.O. 2115 (E), dated 06.05.2022.

Under the provisions of sub-section 3G (1)(2)(3) & (4) of National Highways Act, the public notice is issued to the owners or interested persons of the lands to produce the following documents either himself or by their representative in person within 21 days from the date of this publication to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, NH-48 (Old NH-4), "Dhara Mahal", 1st Floor, 5th Cross, U.B.Hill, Dharwad-580007.

(1) Original Records, (2) Sale/Partition/other deeds of titles, (3) RTC of the current year, (4) Receipt of assessment of land paid, (5) Copy of the Mutation register and any other relevant documents. The land owners have to give their expected amount of compensation with proof of justification.

If anybody fails to produce the above documents to the undersigned within the stipulated period, the compensation will be awarded as per the records available in this office.

And it is brought to the notice of the owners/holders of these properties that they should not grow any further crops on the land vested with Central Government as per aforesaid notification. In case crop is grown no compensation for their crop will be paid.

Sd/-
Smt. Mamata Hosagouder (Addl. Incharge)
Special Land Acquisition Officer,
National Highways Authority of India,
(Haveri-Hubli Section) NH-48 (Old NH-4), Dharwad.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 6th May, 2022

S.O. 2115 (E) : - Whereas by notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 891 (E) dated 28th February, 2022 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (ii) issued under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the lands specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/Six laning etc.) maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No.48 (Old NH-4), on the stretch of Land from Km.340.000 to Km.403.400 (Haveri-Hubli Section) in the District of Haveri in the State of Karnataka.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Prajavani" Kannada daily and "The Hindu" English daily both dated the 25.03.2022; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government.

Now, therefore upon the receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in excise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of the 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of the sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on the publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the lands specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the lands to be acquired with or without structure falling within the stretch of land from Km.340.000 to Km.403.400 (Haveri-Hubli Section) of the National Highway No.48 (Old NH-4), in the District of Haveri in the State of Karnataka.

State : KARNATAKA						District : HAVERI
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Square Metres	Area in Hectore	Name of Land Owner / Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Taluk : Haveri					Village : Devagiri	
1	189/1	Private	Dry/Wet	3969	0.3969	Vadakanagouda S/o. Shankargouda Vadakanagoudra
					Village : Varadahalli	
1	19/3	Private	Dry/Wet	831	0.0831	Yallappa Gadigeppa Soorad
2	19/6	Private	Dry/Wet	591	0.0591	1.Sumangala W/o.Ningappa Chikkannavar 2.Kiran S/o.Ningappa Chikkannavar M/G mother Sumngala Chikkannavar 3.Raju S/o.Ningappa Chikkannavar M/G mother Sumngala Chikkannavar
3	22/1A	Private	Dry/Wet	431	0.0431	Adiveppagouda S/o.Nagangouda Marigoudra
4	22/1B	Private	Dry/Wet	152	0.0152	Adiveppagouda S/o.Nagangouda Marigoudra
5	22/2	Private	Dry/Wet	69	0.0069	Adiveppagouda S/o.Nagangouda Marigoudra
6	22/4	Private	Dry/Wet	290	0.029	1.Tirakangouda S/o.Shivangouda Patil 2.Basangouda S/o.Shivangouda Patil 3.Veerangouda S/o.Veerangouda Patil
7	22/5	Private	Dry/Wet	119	0.0119	Nagangouda S/o.Shivangouda Goudra
8	23/8	Private	Dry/Wet	330	0.033	1.Anasuya W/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 2.Neelambika W/o.Shivayogeppa Choushetti 3.Chetana W/o.Channaveerappa Sindoor 4.Mallikarjungouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadankangoudra 5.Mamata W/o.Murigeppa Angadi 6.Basavanneppagouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 7.Shakunthala W/o.Channabasappa Korishettar 8.Chandrashekargouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 9.Nagaratna W/o.Rudrappa Nandi
9	24/2B/2	Private	Dry/Wet	861	0.0861	Basappa S/o.Fakkirappa Maharajpeth
10	25/1A+1B	Private	Dry/Wet	556	0.0556	Shivangouda S/o.Basangouda Vadankangoudra
11	25/2	Private	Dry/Wet	555	0.0555	1.Veeranagouda S/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra 2.Prakashgouda S/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra 3.Mallikarjungouda S/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra 4.Umeshgouda S/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra 5.Bapugouda S/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra 6.Yallavva D/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra 1,2,3,4,5,6 M/G mother Rathnavva W/o.Dharmagouda 7.Rathnavva W/o.Dharmagouda Marigoudra
12	25/3	Private	Dry/Wet	404	0.0404	1.Tirakangouda S/o.Shivangouda Patil 2.Basangouda S/o.Shivangouda Patil 3.Veerangouda S/o.Veerangouda Patil 4.Shiddangouda S/o.Shivangouda patil 5.Kariyappagouda S/o.Mallangouda Patil 6.Basangouda S/o.Mallangouda Patil 7.Kurugodeppagouda S/o.Sangangouda Patil
13	26/1A	Private	Dry/Wet	153	0.0153	1.Paravva W/o.Channappagouda Vadankangoudra 2.Basavannevva W/o.Malleshappa Nelogal 3.Halavva W/o.Nagappa Shettar 4.Adiveppagouda S/o.Channappagouda Vadankangoudra 5.Shiddamma W/o.Tirakappa Pattanashetti 6.Rekha W/o.Kodeppa Hamsabhavi 7.Basangouda S/o.Channappagouda Vadankangoudra 8.Annapurna W/o.Basappa Angadi
14	26/1B/1+ 1B/2/A	Private	Dry/Wet	1860	0.186	1.Anasuya W/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 2.Neelambika W/o.Shivayogeppa Choushetti 3.Chetana W/o.Channaveerappa Sindoor 4.Mallikarjungouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadankangoudra 5.Mamata W/o.Murigeppa Angadi 6.Basavanneppagouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 7.Shakunthala W/o.Channabasappa Korishettar 8.Chandrashekargouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 9.Nagarathna W/o.Rudrappa Nandi
15	26/1B/1+ 1B/2/D	Private	Dry/Wet	505	0.0505	Shivangouda S/o.Basangouda Vadankangoudra
16	27/2	Private	Dry/Wet	1592	0.1592	1.Basavanneppagouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra 2.Chandrashekhargouda S/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra
17	29/2B	Private	Dry/Wet	336	0.0336	1.Tirakappa S/o.Tippanna Sankappanavar 2.Fakkirappa S/o.Tippanna Sankappanavar
18	30	Private	Dry/Wet	1179	0.1179	Giriyallangouda Basangouda Goudra
19	47/1A	Private	Dry/Wet	909	0.0909	1.Purushotham S/o.Ramchandra Chavan 2.Channaveeraswami S/o. Shekhrayya Hiremath
20	47/1B	Private	Dry/Wet	808	0.0808	1.Purushotham S/o.Ramchandra Chavan 2.Channaveeraswami S/o. Shekhrayya Hiremath
21	47/2P	Private	Dry/Wet	751	0.0751	Ramesh S/o.Holiyappa Soorad
22	47/3P	Private	Dry/Wet	505	0.0505	Ramesh S/o.Holiyappa Soorad
23	47/4A	Private	Dry/Wet	202	0.0202	Puttavva W/o.Shankargouda Vadakangoudra
Grand Total				17958	1.7958	

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KEYWORD

Habitus

A concept that explains how inequality is reproduced through the dominant social and cultural conditions that an individual is accustomed to, which then determines their position in society

THE GIST

- The term habitus refers to a collective entity by and into which dominant social and cultural conditions of a society are established and reproduced. What one considers, 'natural', 'taboo', 'neutral' and 'good' or 'bad' is constructed by one's habitus.
- In sociology, 'capital' refers to a person or group's accumulated status within a stratified society. Economic capital refers to a person's wealth which determines his economic class in society. Cultural capital refers to a person's cultural competencies. Social capital refers to the social networks that a person has developed and can call upon to achieve social mobility.
- While entering a new field, individuals carry their habitus, a combination of the economic, social and cultural capital that they were introduced to and accustomed to, along with them.

REBECCA ROSE VARGHESE

The concept of Habitus was made popular by French sociologist, Pierre Bourdieu in his book *Outline of a Theory of Practice* (1977). He used the concept to address the sociological conundrum between structure and agency and explained that habitus was shaped by structural position, but also generated action. According to Bourdieu, when people exhibit agency they unconsciously refer to social structures, thus reflecting on and reproducing them. Individual actions are thus reflected by the socialisation and habitus of the individual.

The concept

Though the concept of habitus was first known to be used by Aristotle, it was Pierre Bourdieu who transformed it into a vital concept in social theory. The term habitus refers to a collective entity by and into which dominant social and cultural conditions of a society are established and reproduced. It is a subjective and yet not an individual system of structures, concepts, schemes of perception, actions and norms that are internalised by individuals in the same group. Habitus helps instill a sense of the world in individuals by attributing cultural value to material or immaterial objects. Even at a very intimate level, habitus postulates specific properties. What one considers, 'natural', 'taboo', 'neutral' and 'good' or 'bad' is constructed by one's habitus. For instance, while certain social classes appreciate Bollywood music, certain other social classes only consider Carnatic or Hindustani music to be worthy of appreciation.

The sense of habitus or our understanding of the things valued within the habitus is conferred through various institutions or fields. It begins with the family, where one gets attuned to one's surroundings and culture and is reinforced through institutions like schools and offices. Yet, these institutions may also help restructure and amend one's original templates of culture and society.

The connection to capital

Though not considered a Marxist sociologist, Bourdieu was influenced by Karl Marx's work. Both argued that capital formed the foundation of social life and dictated one's position within society. Bourdieu took this idea of capital beyond the economic and into the more symbolic realm of culture. In sociology, 'capital' refers to a person or group's accumulated status within a stratified society. There are different forms of capital.

Habitus helps instill a sense of the world in individuals by attributing cultural value to material or immaterial objects

Economic capital refers to a person's wealth which determines his economic class in society. Cultural capital refers to a person's cultural competencies. A person's accent, their knowledge about dressing according to occasions, their knowledge of etiquette, taboos and manners, their understanding of cultural objects such as artwork or music, and the books they read are a few examples of cultural capital. Cultural capital can be translated to other forms of capital as it helps in gaining access to social groups like prestigious colleges. This in turn helps with economic capital as they have better job prospects due to associations and networks.

Social capital refers to the social networks and relationships that a person has developed and can call upon to achieve social advantages or mobility. The network connection one's family has in a company, which helps them get the job easier than others, or gaining membership to an exclusive club because the person knows the club owner's son, are a few examples of social capital. It also includes ethnic capital which refers to the advantages of belonging to a specific ethnic group, linguistic capital which refers to one's linguistic skills that help in gaining more acceptance in a field, and intellectual capital which refers to the value that one's knowledge, capabilities, and relationships bring to an organisation.

Reproducing inequality

Society is a multi-dimensional space with various sub-spaces. Under different contexts, an individual enters these sub-spaces referred to as fields by Bourdieu. Fields include institutions like schools, colleges, universities, or social groups like one's friend circles and social clubs or even workspaces.

While entering a new field, individuals carry their habitus, a combination of the economic, social and cultural capital that they were introduced to and accustomed to, along with them. The combination of different capitals is automatically transformed into symbolic capital when they enter the field and help in determining their legitimate position in the given field according to the doxa or rules of the field.

Let's take, for instance, A and B as two students who recently graduated from college and are looking for jobs. A is an upper caste and upper-class male student from a top-ranking university in India. His parents are both professors in social sciences who teach in top ranking colleges in the country. B is a Dalit male student, from a middle-class family and was a topper in a college in his hometown. His father is a government employee while his mother is a teacher in a government high school. Due to their grades and good performance in interviews, both are employed as research assistants at a college in Delhi, wherein their performance would determine a permanent position. A, due to his network with professors from different colleges, and his understanding of classical music and ancient art and culture is able to mingle well and have better conversations with his new colleagues resulting in him becoming popular, while B despite earning the same as A struggles to gel well with his cosmopolitan colleagues as his cultural and social capital is very different from the rest in his field. Though both are equally competent at their work, by the end of the term, A because of his social and cultural capital becomes a permanent employee at the college, while B loses the opportunity as he cannot relate to the doxa of the field.

This example shows how cultural and social capital play an equally important role in determining one's future. It is not only economic class but also social class that one inherits from one's family. Thus, habitus and capital not only determine one's position in society but also result in the reproduction of inequality.

THE DAILY QUIZ

World Food Safety Day is observed every year on June 7. Here is a quiz on food safety schemes and initiatives launched by the Indian government to encourage healthy eating.

1 This scheme was launched by the Government of India in 2000 to provide highly subsidised food to the poorest of the poor families in the country. Name the scheme.

2 This is an initiative of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), to regulate and monitor oil usage in cooking. Name the initiative, and expand it.

3 The Indian Food Sharing Alliance (IFSA) was formed by the FSSAI to help solve India's food waste and hunger crisis by working with various partner organisations, food recovery agencies and NGOs. What is the motto of IFSA?

4 The Midday Meal Scheme, designed to better the nutritional standing of school-age children in India was first launched in Tamil Nadu. Which school in the State was the first to introduce the scheme as early as 1925?

5 Village-level female health workers in India who are known as the first contact persons between the community and the health services were initially trained in midwifery and mother and child health. In 1975, the Srivastava Committee recommended expansion of the workers' roles to include child health (immunisation). Now, they also provide education, food and nutrition. What are they called?

6 The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is an autonomous body that has emerged as the largest research and development organisation in India. Which is the food-related body under CSIR, that is engaged in research in the production and handling of food?

◄ The 'Eat Right India' campaign was launched to transform the country's food system to ensure safe, healthy and sustainable food for all Indians. What does the green leaf in the logo represent?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Between 2013 and 2016, this tennis great coached another tennis player, who has won 20 Grand Slam men's singles titles. **Ans: Boris Becker and Novak Djokovic**
2. Designed by Mirka Federer, this entity made its first appearance at the Wimbledon Championships in 2006. **Ans: The 'RF' logo**
3. This player has won 22 Grand Slam singles titles and her husband has won eight. **Ans: Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi**
4. This Grand Slam got its name from the collective name given to the players known as the four musketeers in their country. **Ans: The Musketeers' Cup, awarded to the winner of the men's singles event of the French Open**
5. After viewing this film, Serena said: "I think it was a great opportunity to see how amazing African-American fathers are." **Ans: *King Richard***
6. This three-time grand slam winner hails from Scotland. **Ans: Andy Murray**
7. The way Elijah McClain, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor among others made their prescene felt in the 2020 U.S. Open. **Ans: They were the Black victims whom Naomi Osaka honoured through her face masks**
Visual: The protagonists of the film *Battle of the Sexes*. **Ans: Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"The chair is made *of* steel', 'the chair is made *from* steel', which is correct, sir?"

'"The chair is made of steel is correct. You use 'of' when you want to refer to the material out of which something has been made.

A steel chair is a chair made of steel.
A wooden chair is a chair made of wood.
A plastic mug is a mug made of plastic.

In all these, the emphasis is on the material that has been used. In wine, you don't see grapes. Grapes are transformed into wine. In butter you don't see buttermilk. In such cases you use 'from'.

Butter is made from buttermilk.
Wine is made from grapes.
Cider is made from apples.

In a wooden chair you see wood in the shape of a chair. In such cases you use 'of'. I hope this is clear.'

"Yes, sir. How do you use the word 'either', sir?"

"I'll read out a small piece of dialogue. You will be able to see how either is used.

"What do you think I should do? Shall I talk to your father?"

"You can talk to either of my parents."

"I don't know what to say."

"You can discuss my past and present frustrations."

"You haven't talked to them so far?"

"No."

"Then I won't either."

'Either' has several meanings depending on the context. Let's discuss some of them.

'Either' means 'one or the other of two things or persons'.

Either of you can come and help me tomorrow.
You can talk to either of my parents.
Either book will do.
Either method will work.
Either way, it will be profitable.

'Either' is also used in the sense of 'one as well as the other'.

There were candles at either end of the table.
There were big trees on either side of the road.

It is also used to emphasise a negative.

He didn't speak. I didn't either.
He is not going. I am not going either.
He isn't a fool. She isn't either.

A lady once told Winston Churchill that she disliked both his moustache and his politics. Churchill replied, "Don't worry, madam, you are not likely to come into contact with either."

"Sir, how do you pronounce 'picture'?

"It is not 'picher'. It is 'pikcher'; 'cher' is pronounced the same way as 'cher' in 'teacher' and 'preacher'. The stress is on the first syllable 'pik'. Well, let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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Finally, 'airport-like' Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal opens to public

New beginning: It was a festive atmosphere as the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappanahalli, which has state-of-the-art interiors and modern amenities for passengers, opened to the public on Monday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Highlights

- Aesthetically designed canopy over station building concourse (4,200 sq.m.)
- Fully air-conditioned entrance lobby – first in Indian Railways
- Seven platforms with shelters for passengers
- Wide foot overbridge and two subways (with ramps) connecting all the platforms
- Escalators, lifts to facilitate passenger movement
- Dedicated ticket counter for the differently abled
- Reserved lounge and food court
- Well-marked parking space for 250 four-wheelers, 900 two-wheelers, 50 autorickshaws, and 20 cabs
- A dedicated bus bay
- Recycling plant with capacity of 4 lakh litre of water and rainwater harvesting
- Railway lines in the terminal are electrified

Inaugural train chugs off to Ernakulam

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Commuters who boarded the first train from the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Baiyappanahalli (SMVB Terminal), on Monday evening were pleasantly surprised to finally use the swanky airport-like air-conditioned railway station.

"It looks like an airport and it was hard to believe. I reached here using Google Maps, but was taken aback after I reached here," said Amal, who travelled to Ernakulam on the first train from the terminal.

Facilities praised

Most commuters praised the facilities and the state-of-the-art interiors, one of its kind in the country. "The facilities at the station are very good – escalators, air-conditioning, food court, the lounges. The terminal is definitely a great addition to a global city like Bengaluru," said Sri Priya, another commuter.

While many said the swanky railway station exceeded their expectations, they hoped it would be well maintained. "The station looks very nice as of now, but only time will tell if it's going to stay like this. First day everyone takes care of it, I hope they maintain it like this continuously," said Jaffrey, a commuter.

However, many commuters also pointed out some gaps that needed to be fixed, mainly access to the railway terminal. Some cab services showed the area as out-of-service on Monday and people needed to take a longer detour for the want of a U-turn, many argued.

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has already launched buses on 10 routes, which will totally make 144 trips daily. The terminal is also in the vicinity of the Baiyappanahalli Metro station on the Purple Line.

Delayed departure

The SMVB Terminal was packed on Monday and looked festive. The SMVB-Ernakulam tri-weekly Express that was supposed to leave at 7 p.m., left at 7.50 p.m.

"Since the train earlier originated from Banaswadi, many commuters went to Banaswadi. We had deployed buses and a MEMU train at Banaswadi and fetched commuters from there, causing the delay. Once commuters get used to trains originating at SVMB, there won't be any delay," said Shyam Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru, South Western Railway (SWR).

He said the launch of the terminal went off smoothly without any hiccups.

The ₹314-crore station was completed over six years and was ready in March 2022, but there was a 14-month delay in throwing it open to the public, reportedly because of the wait for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the terminal.

However, following public outcry over the delay, the terminal was inaugurated without any event on Monday. Initially three pairs of trains that earlier originated from Banasawadi have been shifted to SVMB and in phases 30 pairs of trains will be shifted to SVMB, sources said.

(With inputs from Thrisha Sajeev and Ann Maria James)

FDA held on the charge of giving contract to eliminate husband

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 44-year-old First Division Assistant (FDA), who allegedly paid ₹10 lakh to kill her husband who was "harassing" her over a financial loss, was arrested by the Doddaballapura police on Monday.

The incident came to light when the police arrested Syed Nayeem and his associate Moula for attacking Mukunda at Bashettyhalli on May 25.

The police said during questioning, Nayeem and Moula revealed the name of Mamatha and confessed that she had given ₹10 lakh in advance to eliminate Mr. Mukunda. The police picked up Mamatha and her friend Tasleema, who introduced her to the killers. The police said Mamatha said that she had invested money in a chit fund and also recommended it to others.

However, the chit fund operator ran away with the money, and the investors started harassing Mamatha. Mr. Mukunda repaid the money but allegedly started harassing Mamatha for causing a huge loss.

Unable to bear the harassment and taunts , Mamatha shared her ordeal with Tasleema and the duo decided to pay 'supari' and eliminate Mr. Mukunda and finalised the deal for ₹40 lakh. Mamatha sold her gold valuables to arrange ₹10 lakh as advance amount.

The police are now on the lookout for two others, who are on the run.

Modi to lay foundation stone for suburban rail project on June 20

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the much awaited suburban rail project in the city on June 20. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced the Prime Minister's programme at an event on Monday. "The pending dream of suburban rail will become a reality soon. Wherever Namma Metro connectivity is not there, suburban rail will serve the city and improve the connectivity in the city," Mr. Bommai said.

In the pipeline for over two decades, the project will be taken up at an estimated cost of ₹15,767 crore and will be implemented by Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), a joint venture between the State government and Railways.

The Union Budget for 2022-23 has allocated ₹450 crore for the project. While the State Budget allocated ₹850 crore for the project in 2021-22, it made no fresh allocation in the 2022-23 Budget.

Tenders have been finalised for the 25 km Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara suburban rail corridor, for which Larsen and Toubro emerged as the lowest bidder in March 2022. However, three months later, work orders are yet to be issued for the same. KRIDE, the special purpose vehicle spearheading suburban rail, is yet to float tenders for other lines.

"The project has shaped up well and we are ready to get into the construction phase," a senior official said.

Rail activists have welcomed the project taking off finally. Activist Sanjeev Dyamannanavar said now that the PM will himself lay foundation for the project, it was up to the State government to ensure the project will be completed in six years and the first line between Baiyappanahalli and Chikkabanavara is completed in three years.

Timings
BENGALURU

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31°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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'Probe on into allegation against BBMP engineer'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike on Monday told the High Court of Karnataka that an inquiry is under way into the allegation that Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure) B.S. Prahalad had assaulted a director of city-based American Road Technology and Solutions Pvt. Ltd., which was given contract to fill potholes using automatic machine called Python. A submission in this regard was made on behalf of BBMP before a Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi, during a hearing on PIL petitions on the poor maintenance of city roads.

The BBMP Counsel also said that the Chief Commissioner has ordered an inquiry into the allegation and the report is expected in about three days.

During an earlier hearing, the company's managing director had alleged before the court that her husband, who is also a director of the company, was assaulted during the meeting in BBMP office and the court had asked the BBMP to act on the complaint.

When the Bench told the BBMP Counsel that Mr. Prahalad cannot oversee works assigned to the company in the light of the allegation, the Counsel said that the Chief Commissioner had already assigned that company's works to another Chief Engineer.

Meanwhile, the company's Counsel told the Bench that the company is agreeable to carry out pothole-filling work at a basic rate of ₹551 per sqm instead of its earlier demand for ₹1,249 per hour as against BBMP's earlier offer of ₹426 per sqm. The new price was suggested by a committee set up by the State government to look into the dispute over the payment. Following this, the Bench directed the company to immediate take up the work in view of exigency due to ensuing rainy season, and adjourned further hearing in the petitions.

Stray dogs: HC issues notice to State govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition seeking direction for effective implementation of the Animal Welfare Board of India's (AWBI) guidelines on pet and street/stray dogs-2015 and the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001.

FROM THE COURT

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi, passed the order on the petition filed by Ramesh Naik L., a Tumakuru-based advocate.

Pointing out that AWBI's guidelines were aimed at regulating life and movement of stray dogs so that human-dog conflict could be avoided and cruelty on stray dogs be prevented, the petitioner has contended that failure of authorities in effectively implementing the guidelines has been causing damage to both humans and dogs.

The effective implementation of the guidelines is necessary to prevent incidents like death of a four-year-old child in Belagavi due to attack by stray dogs.

The petitioner also referred to a recent incident in which a grandson of a late politician-cum-businessman ran his car over a stray dog sleeping on the pavement in Bengaluru.

Failure of the authorities concerned to discharge their obligatory functions has resulted in an uncontrolled increase in the population of stray dogs in urban, semi-urban, and rural areas across the State and this scenario is posing danger to the life of the people, the petitioner has claimed.

The petitioner has also complained that the authorities concerned, despite directions issued by the Supreme Court on implementation of the rules under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, have failed to implement them to prevent stray dogs being annihilated without any justifiable reasons.

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Panchamashalis set June 27 as deadline for grant of 2A quota

They threaten to lay siege to CM's residence in Shiggaon if demand is not met

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party government in the State seems to be under pressure from the Veerashaiva-Lingayats – among the party's biggest supporters – over the vexed reservation issue.

Coming close on the heels of the Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha urging the government to recommend to the Centre for inclusion of the community in the Central OBC list, the Panchamashali sect of the community has increased pressure on the government to include the subsect in the State's OBC Category 2A.

On Monday, seer of Koodalasangama Lingayat Panchamashali Mahapeetha Sri Basava Jayamruthyunjaya Swami threatened to lay siege to the residence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Shiggaon in Haveri district if the government does not decide on the Panchamashali's demand to include them in 2A category before June 27. "Despite promising 2A status to the community multiple times, the government has failed to meet the demand. We will lay siege to CM's residence if the government does not make its stand clear before June 27. Similar agitation will be launched across the State," the seer told pressmen here.

> We are compelled to intensify our agitation as Mr. Bommai is also going the way of the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who had promised to meet our demand but failed to do so. The Chief Minister should not test our patience. Our agitation has been peaceful till now. We will gather about 25,000 to 30,000 people at Shiggaon.
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> SRI BASAVA JAYAMRUTHYUNJAYA SWAMI
> Seer of Koodalasangama Lingayat Panchamashali Mahapeetha

He said: "We are compelled to intensify our agitation as Mr. Bommai is also going the way of the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who had promised to meet our demand but failed to do so. The Chief Minister had promised to meet the demand in this Budget, but did not do so." He said: "The Chief Minister should not test our patience. Our agitation has been peaceful till now. We will gather about 25,000 to 30,000 people at Shiggaon."

Meanwhile, a delegation of Panchamashali leaders also met Mr. Bommai on Monday and handed over a memorandum, reiterating their demand, and referred to the past movements by the community members and promises made during the last two years that has not fructified. The memorandum urged the Chief Minister to call them for a final meeting to discuss the issue. "You are not responding to our demands after you became the Chief Minister and not respecting the community in the last two months. The community members are unhappy that promises have not been kept," the memorandum said.

It also urged the Chief Minister to convene meetings with leaders of Halumatha (Kurubas), Valmikis, and other sub-sects of Lingayats that have been holding movements over reservation issues.

Take legal action against Chakrathirtha: Siddaramaiah

'Govt. made a mistake in appointing him to the post'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Amidst the textbook revision controversy, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to file a sedition case and take necessary legal action against Rohith Chakrathirtha, who headed the textbook revision committee

In a letter to the Chief Minister on Monday, Mr. Siddaramaiah alleged, "It was a mistake that the government appointed such a person as chairman of textbook revision committee, who has insulted our *naada geethe* (State anthem), which is the official identity and symbol of sovereignty of the State."

Mr. Siddaramaiah also demanded the resignation of Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh. "The government should immediately stop distributing textbooks, which are revised by the dissolved textbook revision committee and get a detailed report from a higher level committee about distortions and insertions of false information by that committee. Already, schools have opened across the State and to help the students, you should distribute textbooks which are revised by Baragur Ramchandrappa-headed textbook revision committee," he said, adding that re-revision of textbooks should be done from real educationists and some experts should be appointed to the textbook re-revision committee. Mr. Siddaramaiah also alleged that the government has not asked for forgiveness for the distortions of texts in the cases of Basavanna, Dr. Ambedkar, Kuvempu, and Vivekananda, also for the exclusion of texts like Savitribai Phule, Rani Abbakka and others.

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> SIDDARAMAIAH
> Former Chief Minister

"After the outrage of various Lingayat mutts seers, we welcomed the Chief Minister's decision to suitably alter the text of 12th century philosopher-poet Basavanna. But, he never commented anything about the other text alterations. The textbook committee has dropped words like, 'samvidhana shilpi (the architect of constitution)' from the lesson on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar," he alleged.

Meanwhile, a protest led by AIDSO Bengaluru District Committee saw students expressing their outrage over the revision of textbooks.

CM announces probe into contamination of water

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government has announced compensation of ₹5 lakh each to the families of three persons who died after consuming contaminated water in Raichur.

Compensation

On Monday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told mediapersons that ₹5 lakh each would be released from the Chief Minster's Relief Fund to the families of the three persons.

Mr. Bommai said that the chief engineer of the Karnataka Water Supply and Sewerage Board has been instructed to conduct a detailed investigation into the incident and submit a report.

Testing samples

The Chief Minister instructed the Deputy Commissioner to test the samples of water in all wards of Raichur to ensure that water is fit for consumption.

An investigation by the Deputy Superintendent of Police of Raichur city would identify any laxity on the part of officials, he said. Stern action would be taken against any official if dereliction of duty is found, the Chief Minister has warned.

Several hospitalised

It is reported that several people, including children, have been hospitalised after consuming contaminated water in the city.

Beyond politics

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Monday.

'Police probing use of satellite phone in State'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Following an alert from Intelligence agencies, the police have taken up an investigation into reports of satellite phone calls from various parts of Chikkamagaluru district and the coastal region, said Home Minister Araga Jnanendra in Shivamogga on Monday.

The Minister said the police had been investigating the matter with the Intelligence Bureau and other Central agencies. "Satellite phone calls had been traced to Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada districts. We will identify the people using satellite phones and the purpose behind the calls," he said.

Satellite phone calls have been traced to the Malnad region earlier too.

BJP adopts wait-and-watch policy

Party to see if there will be a pact between Cong. and JD(S)

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

RS POLLS

The Bharatiya Janata Party strategists are adopting a 'wait-and-watch' approach to see if any formal understanding between Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) for the fourth Rajya Sabha seat unfolds.

The BJP sources said that though they are confident of winning three Rajya Sabha seats in the ensuing elections, they are following a cautious approach for any last minute understanding between the Congress and the JD(S).

Any formal understanding between the two Opposition parties will end the BJP's hopes of winning the third seat, sources said. Keeping its cards closer to its chest, the BJP sources said that though the line up is set they were watching for any developments between Congress and JD(S) before fine tuning its strategy in the polls that is now being seen as a closely fought one.

Meanwhile, as the election date nears, the JD(S) on Monday issued whip to all its legislators to compulsorily participate in the voting process on June 10 and cast their vote for the party's official candidate.

The Congress had also issued a whip to its party legislators on June 2.

Candidates

D. Kupendra Reddy (JD-S) is pitted against Lahar Singh Siroya (BJP) and Mansoor Ali Khan (Congress) for the fourth seat in Rajya Sabha

While the JD(S) is hopeful of Congress support to its candidate Mr. Reddy, the party leader H.D. Revanna told reporters in Hassan that he was not averse to meeting Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah again seeking Congress's support. "I have a good relationship with Mr. Siddaramaiah. I will meet him to seek support to our candidate. All of us need to be together to keep communal forces away," he said.

JD(S) party sources also said that the leadership has spoken to legislators who have expressed unhappiness in the past, and that they are confident of preventing any possible cross voting.

Meanwhile, Mr. Siddaramaiah reiterated his confidence that JD(S) legislators will cast conscience vote since the Congress has fielded a Muslim candidate since the JD(S) is seeking to unite secular forces.

President to visit Bengaluru on June 13

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

President Ram Nath Kovind will visit Bengaluru on June 13, on a two-day official visit to the State.

According to the itinerary, the President will reach Bengaluru on June 13 morning. Then, he will participate at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Rashtriya Military School and halt at Raj Bhavan.

On June 14, the President will grace the Dedication Ceremony of ISKCON Temple, Replica of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, at Vaikunta Hill, off Kanakapura Road, in Doddakallasandra in Bengaluru, and leave for Delhi in the afternoon, according to an official release.

ACME Cleantech signs ₹52,000 crore pact

Hydrogen, ammonia plant to be set up

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government on Monday signed an MoU with Gurugram-based ACME Cleantech Solutions Private Limited for investing ₹52,000 crore to establish a hydrogen and ammonia plant with associated solar power unit in Mangaluru.

The MoU was signed by Commerce and Industries Department's Additional Chief Secretary E.V. Ramana Reddy and ACME Cleantech Solutions Chief Operating Officer Sandeep Kashyap, in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Mr. Bommai said the State is in the forefront in the renewable energy sector. The State government was formulating a green hydrogen policy. He requested the ACME Group to make good use of it.

Karnataka had always been encouraging new technologies and futuristic projects. The State government would provide all the support and cooperation for speedy implementation of the project, he said.

Global leader

ACME Group is a global leader in setting up hydrogen-ammonia plants. The company has established the world's first hydrogen-ammonia solar plant in Bikaner in Rajasthan. It has already started production, said Vice-Chairman of ACME Group Shashi Shekar.

Beer sales see a high in May

Excise revenue grew by 27% in the last two months

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

This summer, the sale of beer across Karnataka more than doubled over the previous year with the big jump in sales coming during May when the State sizzled under intense heat and later received spells of rainfall. The excise revenue collection grew by 27% in the first two months of 2022-23 financial year over the corresponding period in 2021-22.

While the Indian Made Liquor (IML) sales grew by 12.21%, it was the beer sales that clocked a huge growth of 114.53% in April and May compared with the previous year.

If 33.39 lakh cartons of beer were sold during April and May 2021, the sale of beer during May this year alone was 34.79 lakh cartons. The sale of beer skyrocketed to 34.79 lakh cartons as against 7.67 lakh cartons sold last May, showing an increase by a whopping 353.59%. April saw a growth by 43.23% when 36.84 lakh cartons were sold as against 25.72 lakh cartons sold in April 2021. The cumulative sales of beer in April/May this year was 71.63 lakh cartons as against 33.39 lakh cartons last year, reporting 114.53% growth.

IML sales

In contrast, the sale of IML dipped in April compared with the corresponding period last year. While 55.99 lakh cartons had been sold in April 2021, it dipped by 4.11% to 53.69 lakh cartons this year. However, the IML sales picked up in May to 58.14 lakh cartons as against 43.67 lakh cartons last May, reporting a monthly growth of 33.13%. As much as 111.83 lakh cartons of IML were sold this summer as against 99.66 lakh cartons sold last year, reporting a growth of 12.21%.

When the biggest growth in sale of liquor came during May, the excise duty of ₹2,276 crore was collected as against ₹1,474 crore in May 2021, marking an increase by ₹802 crore or a growth by 54%. In April, data shows that the excise revenue collection grew by a modest 9% with a collection of ₹2,402 crore as against the last year collection of ₹2,202 crore.

In terms of excise revenue collection, ₹4,678 crore has been collected this April/May as against ₹3,676 crore collected last year, showing an increase in collection by ₹1,001 crore or by 27.25%. A note from the department said that the excise revenue collected in the two months amount to 16.13% of the total annual target for 2022-23.

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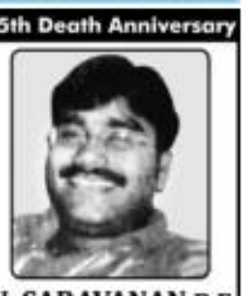

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
for
Development of a New Bus Terminal and Commercial Complex-cum-Car Parking at Hamirpur under PPP mode on DBFOT basis.

Hamirpur City is spread from Jhaniari to Bhota along NH 3 and NH 103 and is a prominent commercial centre for the district. Hamirpur serves as a junction along the NH-3 for the buses and other transport heading towards Kangra, Dharamshala, Palampur and Baijnath. The existing bus stand located in Hamirpur is almost 2-3 decades old. Lack of organized bus facility, parking areas for buses and boarding arrangements for passengers have led to increase in the passenger-vehicle conflicts. In addition to this, establishment of various colleges and universities in the vicinity, has developed a need for establishment of a well facilitated shopping complex in the area. The HP City Transport Bus Stand Management & Development Authority (**"HPCT&BSM&DA"**) has decided to develop a New Bus Terminal at Village Jhaniara, Hamirpur and Commercial cum Car Parking Complex at the existing Bus Stand site in Hamirpur in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Project is proposed to be executed in two phases; the first phase shall entail developing and making operational the Bus Terminal along with associated amenities & facilities, and once the bus stand operations at the existing site shifts to the new Bus Terminal, the second phase involving the construction of a Commercial Complex with multi-storied car parking shall commence. The Concession Period is 30 (thirty) years which is inclusive of Construction Period of 18 months for Phase-1 and 24 months for Phase-2 of the Project.

Himachal Pradesh Infrastructure Development Board (HPIDB) on behalf of HPCT & BSM & DA, invites proposals from eligible Bidders for the development of the Project. For further details i.e. detailed scope of work, minimum eligibility criteria, bidding procedure and other terms and conditions, please refer to the detailed RFP documents hosted on our website **http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpidb/** or contact at the addresses given below. **The interested bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting which shall be held on 12.07.2022 at 1100 hrs. at HPIDB office, Shimla.**

For further updates, please visit the aforementioned website periodically as all updates shall be posted on the website only.

For further information, please contact

General Manager **HPIDB,** Shimla -171001,HP **Phone:** 0177-2626696, 2627312 **Email:** hpidb-hp@nic.in	**Chief Executive Officer** HPCT & BSM & DA, ISBT Shimla, HP-171004 **Phone:**0177-2656106, 2654987

LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL IS ON/BEFORE 29.08.2022 (UPTO 1600 HRS)

Form No. 22 and 18
General Notice in respect of Interlocutary Application and Notice for appearance in Appeals Order 41 Rule 14 CPC, and Rules 1, 2, 4 and 11 of Chapter IV Karnataka High Court Rules

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
MFA No. 8647 / 2015 (MV-SJ)

Appellant : M/S. BAJAJ AUTO FINANCE LTD. (ERSTWHILE BAJAJ AUTO FINANCE LTD) REPRESENTED BY ITS AREA MANAGER - LEGAL AND AUTHORIZED OFFICER, MR. SHASHIKIRAN HM, HAVING OFFICE AT NO. 74, 1ST FLOOR, 15TH CROSS ROAD, J.P. NAGAR, 3RD PHASE, SARAKKI INDUSTRIAL LAYOUT, BENGALURU-560 078.
By Sri CHETHAN, ADV Vs
Respondents : SMT PARVATHAMMA, W/O. LATE SHIVANANJEGOWDA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/AT ANTHARAVALLI VILLAGE, MALAVALLI TALUK, MANDYA DISTRICT - 571430. AND OTHERS

Appeal From the Judgement/Award/Order passed on 11/08/2014 in M.V.C. Number 773/2012 on the file of the SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND MACT AT MALAVALLI IA NO. 1/2015 FOR CONDONE THE DELAY OF 376 DAYS FILED IN THE ABOVE APPEAL.

To **Respondent No : 5**

5. SRI. MUNIRAJAIAH, S/O LATE MARILINGAIAH, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, ASI, K.R. PURAM POLICE STATION, BENGALURU - 560036, R/AT NO. 98, 9TH MAIN, 4TH CROSS, J.C. NAGARA, NEAR SATHYANARAYANA, KALYANA MANTAPA, KURUBARAHALLI, BENGALURU - 560079.

Whereas the aforementioned Appeal preferred has been registered by this Court.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an advocate or through someone duly authorised to act for you in this matter **on 27/06/2022 at 10.30 a.m.**, to show cause why the application should not be allowed. If you fail to appear, the application will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 23RD DAY OF MAY 2022.

By order of the Court
(Sd/-) B.S. Suma
Assistant Registrar.
25.05.2022

IN BRIEF

10 tonnes of rotten fish seized in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Food safety officers destroyed nearly 10 tonnes of rotten fish that were seized from a fish market in Kerala's Anjuthengu on Monday. The huge haul of 9,600 kg was confiscated by food safety officials during a surprise raid that lasted seven hours at the private facility that operates as a wholesale market.
The inspection was conducted as part of the Statewide Operation on the basis of several complaints regarding the market from customers and vendors. Notices have been served to four traders.

One dead, six injured in lightning strike in A.P.

CHITTOOR

A man was killed and six of his relatives were injured in lightning strike while they had taken shelter in a temple at Gaddamvaripalle village, 45 km from here in Andhra Pradesh, on Sunday midnight. The group, while returning from a wedding, had taken shelter owing to heavy rain, when the incident happened. "The impact of the lightning was so huge that a large hole got formed on the temple roof," said Madhava Raju, tehsildar of Chowdepalle.

Gym trainer beaten up by police, clip goes viral

HYDERABAD

A video clip of three policemen beating and kicking a 27-year-old man in Mettuguda in Hyderabad went viral, raising questions about the 'friendly policing' claims of the Telangana government. Surya Arokya Raj, who was reportedly drunk at the time, suffered a fracture on his left leg allegedly in the brutal police assault.

Nod given to CWMA to discuss Mekedatu

The Authority has 'wide powers' to deliberate on any matter concerning the Cauvery: Solicitor General

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

Armed with a favourable legal opinion, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) will take up the ₹9,000-crore Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project of the Karnataka government for discussion at its meeting to be held on June 17.

Cauvery flows through a deep and narrow gorge at Mekedatu, near Kanakapura, in Ramanagaram district. • FILE PHOTO

Confirming this, S.K. Haldar, CWMA Chairman, told *The Hindu* on Monday that the Authority had earlier sought an opinion from the Union Law Ministry, which, in turn, referred the matter to Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta. A source, familiar with the development, says the SG took a position that the CWMA had "wide powers" to deliberate on any matter concerning the Cauvery. Mr. Haldar pointed out that the opinion was obtained after the CWMA's previous meeting [held in February]. Kerala had then said the June 2018 notification of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti did not speak about CWMA's powers on approval of projects.

But, the stand of the Union Ministry, as stated in a reply to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha in February 2022, is that the "acceptance" of the (CWMA) would be a "prerequisite" for consideration of the detailed project report by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry.

In the last couple of years, the Authority had included the Mekedatu project as one of the items on the agenda of its meetings. While Karnataka had pressed for discussion, Tamil Nadu had opposed any move to deliberate on the project, citing cases in the Supreme Court on the project. The CWMA had too deferred the matter.

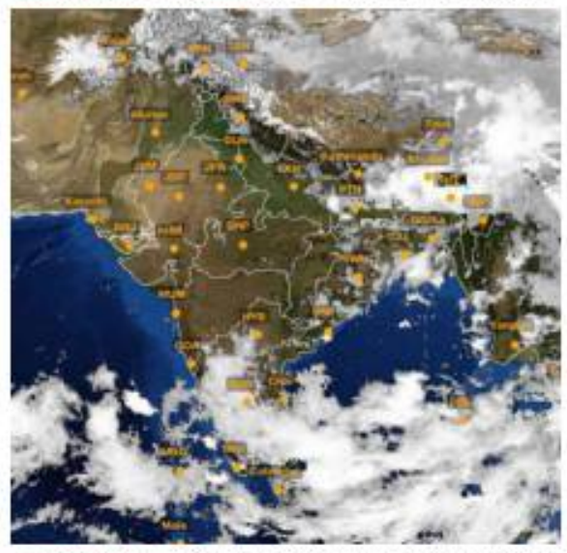
As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, the Mekedatu project will be in violation of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's final order, as modified by the Supreme Court in February 2018. This is why it should not be taken up at the outset for any discussion.

To substantiate further, a spokesperson of the State says the proposed project is aimed at impounding the Cauvery river water, flowing from "uncontrolled catchments" downstream of Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) and Kabini to Tamil Nadu. But, the Tribunal, in the fifth volume of the order (chapter VII, Page 207), specifically states that the portion in question constituted one of the three components of the annual quantum of water to be delivered by Karnataka at the inter-State contact point Billigundulu, the other two components being "regulated releases" from the two reservoirs in Karnataka.

The total annual quantum prescribed by the Supreme Court for Tamil Nadu is 177.25 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) in a year. Of this, 80 tmcft is estimated to be coming from the "uncontrolled catchments" below Kabini and KRS. The Mekedatu project will interfere with the flow of this portion of the State's due, the spokesperson points out.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, south interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Bihar, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	10	35.2	25.2	Kozhikode	–	34.4	26.8
Ahmedabad	–	42.6	27.9	Kurnool	3	33.5	24.3
Aizawl	–	28.2	22.0	Lucknow	–	42.7	29.1
Allahabad	–	45.7	28.2	Madurai	–	37.0	26.1
Bengaluru	32	30.6	19.1	Mangaluru	3.8	32.2	24.1
Bhopal	–	44.0	29.6	Mumbai	–	35.0	28.6
Bhubaneswar	–	35.6	25.2	Mysuru	8	34.0	21.4
Chandigarh	–	45.1	27.6	New Delhi	–	43.5	26.3
Chennai	–	36.9	26.8	Patna	–	38.1	27.0
Coimbatore	0.1	34.0	24.6	Port Blair	57	27.6	25.7
Dehradun	–	40.7	25.6	Puducherry	–	36.2	25.4
Gangtok	–	22.7	16.9	Pune	–	36.5	25.6
Goa	–	32.8	26.7	Raipur	–	45.6	27.5
Guwahati	3	34.2	25.0	Ranchi	–	39.6	24.3
Hubballi	–	32.0	23.0	Shillong	22	23.0	16.3
Hyderabad	0.3	37.2	26.2	Shimla	–	33.5	24.2
Imphal	–	30.8	22.6	Srinagar	–	31.4	14.1
Jaipur	–	40.8	31.7	Thiruvananthapuram	–	32.6	24.8
Kochi	9	31.2	25.4	Tiruchi	2	36.5	24.4
Kohima	4	23.6	15.8	Vijayawada	1	31.6	26.0
Kolkata	–	36.2	29.0	Visakhapatnam	27	27.8	23.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	12	–	207	197	
Bengaluru	27	26	104	–	50	
Chennai	5	14	82	26	67	
Delhi	13	120	36	140	284	
Hyderabad	10	10	13	76	134	
Kolkata	13	12	17	67	105	
Lucknow	8	29	23	238	221	
Mumbai	2	175	–	44	48	
Pune	115	28	78	99	73	
Visakhapatnam	19	39	31	–	68	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bihar Sharif, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 401 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 34

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BJP MLA likely to face charges for releasing clips of rape victim

Hyderabad Police have approached legal experts for advice

MARRI RAMU
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad police are mulling over registering a case against BJP MLA M. Raghunandan Rao for releasing pictures and a video clip of the minor in the Jubilee Hills gang-rape case.

However, they have not yet taken a final call.

"Release of pictures of a victim in sexual assault obviously attracts penal action whatever be the purpose behind it. But our priority is now to build the case and not booking the MLA," a police officer said.

M. Raghunandan Rao

While the police are investigating the case, the MLA released pictures and video clip in the BJP party office coming under Abids police station area of Central Zone. The lawyers, whom the police consulted over registration of case against the legislator, reportedly told them not to take any hasty action.

"If penal action is initiated against the legislator, similar action has to be taken against the media organisations who telecast video footage of the minor showing her walking outside the pub with some of the accused," the lawyers reportedly told investigators. Already, the police have issued notice to a journalist Subhan who reportedly posted content relating to the gang-rape victim on his social media page. While focussing on reconstructing the sequence of events connected to the gang-rape, the higher-ups are reportedly thinking of invoking penal action 'at an appropriate time' against persons spreading details of the victim.

Infosys Foundation launches four mobile medical labs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Infosys Foundation, the CSR arm of Infosys, has launched four mobile laboratories to provide cost-effective diagnostic solutions and curb the spread of communicable diseases primarily among the rural population of Karnataka.

The Infosys Foundation had signed an MoU with the Rotary Bangalore Southwest Charitable Trust (Rotary Trust), to support with a grant of ₹4 crore to make these mobile medical laboratories, called 'Lab Built on Wheels', said a media release.

The Rotary Trust has collaborated with Saicorp Health Technologies (SHTPL) who have set up these labs in accordance with BSL level 2 safety standards. Each mobile lab will be equipped with a medical unit, pharmacy, and a minimal invasive emergency care unit, as per the statement.

Krish Shankar, Executive Vice-President, Group HR Head, Infosys & Trustee, Infosys Foundation said, "This is part of a continuous effort by Infosys Foundation to ensure that the underprivileged people in India have affordable, on-time access to clean, hygienic, and appropriate medical treatment and healthcare."

These mobile laboratories were handed over to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai by representatives of the Infosys Foundation and the Rotary Trust here on Monday.

Two wild boars shot dead in Kozhikode

STAFF REPORTER
KOZHIKODE

Two wild boars were shot dead at Kottooli in Kozhikode city on Sunday after local residents complained of repeated attacks.

A team, led by shooter C.M. Balan from the Thamarassery forest range office, killed the boars around 9 p.m. A person had sustained severe injuries in a wild boar attack at Kottooli two weeks ago.

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PERSONAL
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I, **RAAJESH** AMARESH residing at #18, 4th Cross Sri Vinayaka Layout RMV 2nd Stage, Bengalore –560094, Karnataka State,India,have changed my name from RAAJESH A to RAAJESH AMARESH,before LEELA, Advocate and Notary,Bengaluru vide affidavit dated 06–06–2022.

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I **Aditya** Athalye S/O. Ajay Prabhakar Athalye R/o 2c 804, Akme Encore, Kundalahalli Main Road, Brookfield Phase 2, Bengaluru 560037 have changed my name to Aditya Ajay Athalye for all purposes

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I **GANESHAN** Rajendran s/o Rajendran R/D #47, 1st Cross Road, Janatha Colony Nagarabhavi 9th block, Bangalore–72 declare that I've changed my name as GANESH RAJENDRAN. Ganeshan Rajendran and Ganash Rajendran both names are the same and one person vide affidavit Dt: 04–Jun–2022 sworn before notary Sakalesh Aradhya.

We, **Mr.N.Subramani** & Mrs.Geetha Dharavanthy R/o #68, D-1, Flat 402, Comfort Gardenia, Jogupalya Main Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008 have changed our minor daughter's name from Akshitha. S to S. Akshitha vide affidavit dated 06-06-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Blore.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, **SRINIVAS** GUPTA VINNAKOTA, R/at Flat No. A–108, NCN Gold Apartment, Babusapalya, Horamavu Agara, Bang – 560043 have changed my name from SRINIVASA RAO GUPTA VINNAKOTA, V SRINIVAS GUPTA to SRINIVAS GUPTA VINNAKOTA for all future purposes by affidavit dated on 04/06/2022. Sworn before the Notary SESHAGIRI, Blore–43

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF SMALL CAUSES JUDGE AT BANGALORE (SCCH-1)
HRC. No. 5/2022
PETITIONER: **Smt. Premadevi Wodeyar**, Represented by her GPA Holder Sri.Satish Wodeyar
RESPONDENT: **Smt. Mercy.**
NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT
To, Smt. Mercy W/o Samaraj, aged about 65 years, R/at No.32, Ground Floor, Facing West, Annaswey Mudalkar Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560042.
Whereas, the above named Petitioner has filed the above petition U/s 27(2)(a) and (d) of the Karnataka Rent Act, against the Respondent for the judgment; and order for the eviction of Respondent and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before the Chief Small Causes Judge Court at Bangalore (SCCH-1).
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on **04-07-2022** at about 11-00 a.m. The Petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the ground floor portion measuring 8x15 feet and first floor portion measuring 10x14 feet situated along with larger portion of Residential property rest at No.32, Facing West, Annaswamy Mudalkar Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore-560042.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 02-06-2022 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner:
G.K. Shivaprakash, Chandrashekhara .K.
No. 11, VMC Complex, F-15, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL
Phone No: 08539 – 222318 email : ecpwdkpl2@gmail.com
IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-3&4:2022-23:662 Date:04-06-2022
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-3 on e-procurement Portal. **Head of Account: 5054-04-337-0-01-422-SCP & 5054-04-337-0-01-423-TSP / 2021-22.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Work Indent Nos. **151324 & 151325** Total No. of works 2, Max: Estimate Amount **Rs. 300.00 Lakhs** & Min: Estimate Amount **Rs. 100.00 Lakhs**. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address.E.M.D, Tender processing fee, Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarification Date as mentioned in e-Proc Portal. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders **23-06-2022 Time 16.00**, Date and time for opening of technical bid **24-06-2022 Time 16.30**. Date and time for opening of fincial bid **29-06-2022 Time 16.00**
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division.Koppal.
DIPRIKOPPAL/134/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES
Maulana Abul Kalam Aazad Bhavan, No.16C, Millers Tank Bed Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052 Website: https://dom.karnataka.gov.in
e-mail : directorgokdom@gmail.com Helpline:8277799990
No.: DOMENG/PMJVK/HELPLINE/CR-06/2022-23 Date: 07.06.2022
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
INVITING SHORT-TERM TENDER FOR Establishment of 24X7 "MWD Helpline" for Minority Welfare Department situated at Maulana Abul Kalam Aazad Bhavan, No.16 Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052.
The Director, Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru hereby invites TENDER from the interested bidders for establishing 24X7 "MWD Helpline" for Minority Welfare Department" situated at the office of the Directorate of Minorities, Maulana Abul Kalam Aazad Bhavan, No.16 Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052. in two bid format-Technical Bid and Financial Bid

1	Tender/eprocurement Reference No. and date	: DOM/ENG/PMJVK/Helpline/ CR-06/2022-23, Dt: 06.06.2022
2	Amount put to Tender	: Rs. 90,00,000/-
3	Tender Publishing date	: 07.06.2022, 10.30 AM
4	Pre-bid meeting date & time	: 13.06.2022, 11.00 AM
5	Last date &Time for submission of Tender	: 22.06.2022, 5.30 PM
6	Date &Time of opening of Technical bid	: 24.06.2022,10.30 AM
7	Date &Time of opening of Financial Bid	: On completion of technical evaluation
8	EMD Amount	: Rs.1,80,000/-
9	Venue of opening of tenders, pre-bid meeting & address for communication	: Directorate of Minorities, Maulana Abul Kalam Aazad Bhavan, No.16 C, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052.
10	Contact us for further information	: 8277799990 (24x7) 080-22535918, 080-22535922

Interested bidders can visit **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** to apply for tender and to download bid document.
Sd/- Director,
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. UBLS-E-02-2022-23 date: 01.06.2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
UBLS: Provision of Earth pits at various locations in Hubballi Workshop	Rs. 8,38,899.64

Last Date of Submission of bids: Up to 15:00 hrs. on 22.06.2022
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Divisional Electrical Engineer
Hubballi Workshop
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STORES E-PROCUREMENT
TENDER NOTICE NO. S/04/2022-23 Dated. 03-06-2022. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works. **SN.1. Tender No.** 30/22/1465/OT/08/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Manual uncoupling device for LHB coach as per RDSO Specn. No. RDSO/2011/CG-03 (Rev-03). **Closing/Opening date: 21-06-2022. SN.2. Tender No.** 37/22/0778A/OT/09/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Wheel C&WNG (Part finished) N.F. Railway DHR/C/010, alt.-4, Specn.: Mat Specn.: IRS-19/93 pt-II (Rev-4). **Closing/Opening date: 22-06-2022. SN.3. Tender No.** 50/22/5053/OT/10/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of SSBPAC (Digital) for Single Line as per RDSO Spec. RDSO/SPN/175/2005 Ver-1 or latest with auto changeover facility and as per technical specification with RDSO inspection (TS attached). **Closing/Opening date: 23-06-2022. SN.4. Tender No.** 50/22/5060/OT/11/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Supply of SMPS based IPS for upto 6 lines without AFTC, Non-RE areas alongwith 110V 300AH low maintenance batteris, Block Line Voltage Converters of 40 to 100V, 1A ratings, surge protection devices (in separate wall mountable SPD box), status monitoring panel for ASM room, tool kit, spares as per specification, Exhaust fan, all optional modules, copper cable for connecting IPS to battery bank (with 25 sqmm cable as per site requirement), user instruction manual etc as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/SPN/165/2012 with latest amendment/specification & configuration of IPS is as per Annexure "A" and Installation & Commissioning of IPS system at station in accordance with RDSO letter No. STS/E/IPS/General dated 03.04.2008 or latest with RDSO inspection. **Closing/Opening date: 23-06-2022.** For details please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in**
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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE I ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, AT BENGALURU
Misc No. 195/2019 in O.S. No. 1196/2015
BETWEEN: MR. CHINMAYA ... PETITIONER
AND: G.R. NANJUNDAIAH and others ... RESPONDENTS
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NOTICE
WHEREAS, the Petitioner has instituted a Petition seeking to set-aside the Order of dismissal in O.S No. 1196/2015 on the file of the I Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore dated 05/04/2018 and grant such other reliefs as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.
You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **24-06-2022** at 11:00 am in the forenoon to answer the same failing which the suit will be disposed of ex parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 02-06-2022.
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.
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No. 59, 16th Cross, J.P. Nagar, 4th Phase, Bangaluru-560078. Mob: 97391 21361

Delayed response

The Government could have avoided the hate speech issue if the BJP had acted early

The Government's decision to take a stern view of hate speech targeting religious beliefs, to distance itself from comments made by two spokespersons of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and to assert India's traditional values of tolerance and respect for all religions is both welcome and reassuring for those within the country increasingly concerned about the increase in such speech. The ruling BJP's move to suspend the spokespersons for comments made on a television channel and Twitter, respectively, is also a significant departure from the past, and would represent an inflection point in the debate over growing communalisation, if it were not for two factors. The first, that the Government chose to react to the hate speech, targeting Islam and the Prophet Muhammed, more than a week after these were first broadcast. The second, that its reactions, and the BJP's action appeared to follow statements made by foreign governments, beginning with Qatar, and then Kuwait, Iran, Pakistan, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Jordan, the Maldives as well as by the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the powerful six-member Gulf Cooperation Council. However, the Government continues to ignore Indian organisations and groups that have expressed concerns about the statements made. It is possible that the Government chose to respond to Qatar with more alacrity as the Vice-President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu, was beginning a three-day visit to the country. It is also significant that the Government was moved to act with sensitivity in this case, unlike its reaction just a week ago to the United States government's release of a report on religious freedom in India, where it slammed the U.S. for playing "vote bank politics". Some concern about a possible "street reaction" across West Asia, where more than eight million Indians live and work, may have also prompted the reaction, particularly after social media users shared the offending comments widely across the region.

Regardless of the reasoning, the statement issued by the Embassies in Doha and Kuwait, which said that the Government accords the highest respect to all religions "in line with our civilisational heritage and strong cultural traditions of unity in diversity" reflects some introspection within the establishment and the ruling party, and the line that has been drawn must be adhered to across society. There is also a case for similar introspection to be made within the media, particularly news television channels that appear to have turned prime time viewing into a prize-fight, encouraging the most radical voices to spar verbally every evening and engage in blatantly extremist hate speech. While the right to free speech must be upheld, and nobody should be allowed to threaten violence, the Government would have avoided the entire controversy if it had acted according to the law, and immediately engaged with the issue before it snowballed into an international incident.

Joy after pain

Nadal and Swiatek might have lent tennis some stability at the top

Rafael Nadal's is an immortal presence at Roland-Garros. The Spaniard, after all, has a statue of himself at the site that is more than life-size, a rare tribute for a player still active. On Sunday, the 36-year-old showed why his is such a timeless existence by winning his 14th French Open crown that also gave him his 22nd Major, pulling him two clear of Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic in the all-time men's tally. It is unthinkable that 14 was once Pete Sampras' record for overall Grand Slam trophies won. That Nadal has accumulated as many in Paris, in just 18 attempts and with an injury-ravaged body, is testament to his clay-court genius as well as his unparalleled ability to play through pain and extreme physical discomfort. Leading into the tournament, Nadal was pensive and pessimistic after his chronic left-foot injury forced him to limp out of the Rome Masters, a key preparatory event. Once in Paris, his mood turned increasingly valedictory, with the pain-killing injections needed to keep his leg numb perhaps telling him that the end was near. However, the fortnight ended in such euphoria, with a straight-set demolition of Norwegian Casper Ruud, that in the epitaph to Nadal's incredible career, whenever written, his 14th triumph will be more than just a normal data point.

The year has been unlike any for Nadal, both in terms of the success he has had and the physical toll he has had to bear. Never before in his stellar career had he secured the opening two Slams of the year, and the 20 straight matches he won at the start of 2022 – three titles and a final – is a career-best. But he had to fight through a bout of COVID-19 that nearly derailed his Australian Open plans, a stress fracture in the ribs that did not allow him to touch a racquet for six weeks, forcing him to miss vital clay-court warm-up tournaments in Monte Carlo and Barcelona and undercooking him for the return in Madrid, and a relapse of the foot injury. That he could still muster the tennis to overcome four top-10 players in the French capital, including Djokovic in the quarterfinal with a rousing performance, proved yet again that he remains the sport's ultimate competitor. Iga Swiatek was every bit as authoritative in stamping her authority on the women's side, claiming her second French Open title in three years. It was the sixth straight tournament victory for the Pole, a run that has featured an awe-inspiring 35-match winning streak. If in Ash Barty women's tennis had a stable World No.1 until the Aussie abdicated her throne in March, Swiatek is proving to be a worthy successor.

An anomaly that goes by the name populism

It denotes the state of social democratisation, but with growing economic inequalities

AJAY GUDAVARTHY

While economic inequalities have grown exponentially over the last few decades, we have also witnessed social democratisation that has been silent and uneventful. Democratisation has happened due to the spread of education, the growing reach of the market and a 'communication revolution' that includes social media, and renewed legitimisation of democracy through the principle of 'one vote, one value'. Such social equalisation has not, however, contributed in any substantial sense to distributive justice, much against the assumption that the shift from 'equality to difference' will also account for economic equality. Populism is an expression of this anomaly of growing social mobility sans economic equality.

Change on many fronts

Democratisation can be seen on many fronts. New technology has replaced old social divides. Today, for instance, photography is not about 'capturing' a moment; it is about 'creating' one using filters and also the instant mobile phone cameras. It is not about who can be a great photographer, but who chooses to be one. Nothing is rare, everything is common. How do we celebrate the common? Populism has shown us a way – narrativising the common and creating a spectacle of the every day.

Markets have created new modes of consumption. David Harvey refers to Netflix as a non-exclusive consumption that can be consumed simultaneously. It breaks the gap between high and low cultures. The poor can make do with look-alike fashion (consider markets being flushed with Gucci bags on the streets), as long as they follow and understand fashion trends. Relative educational opportunities have spread through the private sector and English education now looks within reach. For instance, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has made the English medium mandatory in government schools. Education in English for the next generation is now a universal aspiration, but without good public education, affordability and quality. Democracy has renewed the legitimacy of bringing about effective changes and voter turnout has been increasing, even as policy consensus around neoliberalism has been near complete. On the day of voting, the rich and the poor carry the same value to their power to decide.

Janus-faced process

Populists are mobilising the aspirations born out of social mobility but are also containing it from spilling over into demands for economic equality. Populists encourage assertions around demands for dignity, sentiments and recognition within the cultural realm but disallow them from being connected to economic equality. It in fact, conjoins social equality with justifying economic inequalities as being either random or as individual failures. It links demands for social equality with voluntarism and individual effort. The social confidence gained through the processes of democratisation is being challenged and made to look shaky in the light of growing economic and material inequalities.

Populists are gloating over the confidence gained and basking in pointing to new possibilities of being a precariat and creating insecurities (the entire discourse on illegal immigrants/refugees points to this). It is using past social confidence against future insecurities. The shaky feel of social mobility without durable economic equality (of opportunities) is creating resentment against the present.

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The Janus-faced process allows for aggressive mobilisation for the market and predatory subjectivity against other social identities, especially those who are weaker (such as Dalits) or those who are considered to be stronger in a way (such as Muslims). It works against both the weak and the strong. It assumes regressive proportions in stamping out the weak and 'progressive' imageries in standing against the perceived superiority of the 'other'. It conflates and disturbs the binary of domination and emancipation, superior and inferior, and regressive and progressive.

Using pretence

The sense of reality has slipped into the in-between, also the reason why 'perceptions' (or what we call now in popular parlance as post-truth) have taken credence over certainty of evidence. No amount of evidence can off-set perceptions (such as the birth rate/fertility of some of the minorities) because perceptions are a way of relating and also coping with the in-between. It cannot be captured within a set moral compass when past social mobility is played against demands for economic justice. Demanding more can lead to the loss of past gains more than future benefits. One has to either come to terms with shaky social mobility or pretend to be confident even while slipping on the economic front.

Pretence has become a way of feeling safe and secure. Majorities today 'fear' the disempowered minorities. Pretence legitimises what could be considered unethical otherwise. After the 'Me Too' movement, it is men who 'fear' being abused and who 'struggle' to find the right kind of language to articulate it (for example, the Johnny Depp case and the way it was televised is a clear pointer to this). Some of the upper castes are feeling persecuted (recall the tweet by the Congress's Manish Tewari). Pretence, however, has become a generic 'way of life' for all social groups.

Manufacturing, controlling and regulating 'truth regimes' are no longer the techniques of the ruling regimes but it is about appropriating, signifying and occupying perceptions and playing the aspirations born out of social mobility against the perceptible economic and material inequalities. It is about weaponising the 'hurt pride' born out of economic disempowerment downgrading social mobility of the past. The dissonance between the two can only be made good out of creating a hyper-reality, finding satiation in a strongman, narrativising perceptions and gut-feelings, pretension and spectacles, and where performance becomes a plausible means of generating and attributing meaning.

The strongman

The regime creates newer avenues to live pretence and perceptions. The 'strongman' becomes the concrete embodiment of both and the one to legitimise and give credibility to pretence and hyper-reality. The strongman does this by taking perceptions into policy making and converting pretence into a 'way of life'. Pretence allows bringing semblance between aspirational social mobility and declining economic opportunities. The 'success' story of the strongman (from rags to riches; chaiwala to Hindu Hriday Samrat), and being a rank outsider to political pedigree, becomes a demonstration of what the semblance looks like and why it can be achieved or replicated by everyone (it is not a happenstance that India's top leader, Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro and America's Donald Trump were all considered 'outsiders' to power dynamics).

The strongman becomes a means of living the hyper-reality and in fact a means of reaching out to the reality, and, therefore, cannot be easily discredited. People have deep emotional investment because it is about them. The strongman represents who they are or want to be; therefore, criticism against the strongman discredits what people want to be. It interrupts and disturbs their sense of reality. It feels like being rudely awakened from a dream-like gratification. Hatred, abuse and incivility become a way of protecting social mobility against the hard realities of economic hardships. These are actively encouraged as a part of political mobilisation; withdrawing from them is to sink into the reality that dissonance presents. Fantasy is a necessary way of living.

The said dissonance between the social mobility of the past and economic inequalities of the present has transformed the character of governance too. Digital media and soap opera-kind of governance make the perceived reality more lived and the every day as against the bland posturing of statesman-like policy making and the niceties of procedural neutrality. Neutrality is replaced by demands for more direct interventions. The rhetoric of outcomes and finality have replaced ideals of the rule of law and the separation of powers. Populists are surviving by plugging into and indulging in a hyper-exaggeration of the reality as it exists; they are not here to change it for the better.

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A 'silver' moment to propel a Bay of Bengal dream

After 25 years, BIMSTEC can do much better as a grouping, addressing shortcomings in trade and connectivity

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June 6 marked the completion of 25 years since the 1997 Bangkok Declaration launched a modest grouping (of Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand), with the acronym, BIST-EC. Three countries (Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar) joined it later to make it the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC). This unique set of five countries from South Asia and two from Southeast Asia are parents to an institution with an unwieldy name but lofty ambitions. It is the parents' responsibility that the 25-year-old offspring, now a full adult, begins taking strides to achieve the goals set before it.

Past trajectory

At the grouping's birth, the world was different; it was stamped by America's 'unipolar moment'. India and Thailand joined hands to start an experiment of infusing a part of South Asia with the economic and institutional dynamism that defined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). But BIMSTEC found the burdens of South Asia too heavy to carry, and so it grew slowly.

Now in the third decade of the 21st century, the strategic contestation between the United States and China defines the region's geopolitics and geo-economics, creating new tensions and opportunities. The grouping has succeeded in rejuvenating itself. Since its Kathmandu summit in 2018, it is viewed as an instrument of regional cooperation and integration, not just of sub-regional cooperation. It is good going so far, but the challenging tasks begin now.

Experts maintain that if BIMSTEC is truly committed to its stated goals, it must recreate the spirit of working in unison, displayed at the historic Leaders' Retreat in October 2016 (and their interaction with the BRICS leadership on the same day). The far-reaching decisions taken, in Goa, paved the way for the institution's reform that took shape at the Kathmandu summit. The Colombo summit in March 2022 put its stamp of approval on it. A determined push at the highest political level made it happen. That is the key lesson from the past.

Key achievements

BIMSTEC has several achievements to its credit. It has crafted a new Charter for itself, spelling out the grouping's vision, functions of its constituent parts, and has secured a legal personality. It has prioritised the sectors of cooperation, reducing them from the unwieldy 14 to the more manageable seven, with each member-state serving as the lead country for the assigned sector. It has, finally, taken measures to strengthen the Secretariat, although some members are yet to extend adequate personnel support to it. Above all, its success lies in its survival through the turns and twists of internal tensions. The BIMSTEC region witnessed the influx of over a million Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh, the result of oppression by the Myanmar military; the coup in Myanmar that led to its virtual boycott by a large segment of the international community; and the grave political and economic crisis afflicting Sri Lanka.

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Unlike the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, post-2014, BIMSTEC has continued to hold its summits and meetings of Foreign Ministers. Unlike the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) which held only one summit since its establishment in 1997, BIMSTEC has succeeded in holding five summits so far; it has now resolved to hold regular summits once in two years.

The grouping has also registered progress in combating terrorism, forging security cooperation, and creating mechanisms and practices for the better management of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. A whole basket of memoranda of understanding, agreements and legal instruments provide the foundation for developing functional cooperation in select areas such as agriculture, trade, sustainable development and connectivity. Institutions such as an Energy Centre and the Centre on Weather and Climate are in place to push sectoral cooperation forward.

The faultlines

However, a fair balance sheet must factor in the shortfalls and the gaps between ambition and action. A major failure relates to the continuing inability to produce a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) 18 years after the signing of the Framework Agreement. Official sources concede that of the seven agreements needed to operationalise the FTA, only two are "ready" – a disappointing record. What is worse is that the highest political leaders, in their summit declarations, continue to "direct" ministers and officials to expedite action, but, alas, with little impact. Heads of state and government need to assert their authority or abandon the FTA as an unachievable goal.

The other disappointment is connectivity – in infrastructure (roads, railways, air, river, and coastal shipping links), energy, the digital and financial domain, and institutions that bring people closer together for trade, tourism and cultural exchanges. Only limited progress has been achieved so far, despite the adoption of the Master Plan for Connectivity supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Much of the connectivity established recently is the outcome of bilateral initiatives taken by India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan to strengthen transport links. Mega-projects aimed to improve connectivity between India and Myanmar (and Thailand) have been delayed inordinately.

For greater regional connectivity, more financial resources are needed. The movement towards establishing the BIMSTEC Development Fund is minimal. The grouping has talked about the Blue Economy but is yet to begin any work on it. Business chambers and corporate leaders are yet to be engaged fully with the activities of BIMSTEC. This leaves the grouping largely in the hands of officials and experts. The involvement of the 'Third Space' needs to be expanded significantly.

And, prospects

An objective evaluation may award an A- to BIMSTEC@25, with the remark that it must do better. An exciting destiny awaits it as it works to realise the vision of the Bay of Bengal Community (BOBC). In this Indo-Pacific century, the BOBC has the potential to play a pivotal role, deepening linkages between South Asia and Southeast Asia. It should accelerate the region's economic development by collaborating with the newly minted Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF). New synergy should be created between BIMSTEC and the IPEF.

Finally, while all member-states are equal, three have a special responsibility: Bangladesh as the host of the BIMSTEC Secretariat; Thailand as the representative of Southeast Asia; and India as the largest state in South Asia. This trio must be the engine to pull the BIMSTEC train with imagination and determination.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The backlash

Ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance government came to power at the Centre, it has become habitual for its spokespersons to turn debates, especially on television, into echo chambers of vitriolic communal hatred. One wonders if they are 'loose cannons' or are acting at the behest of the party leadership, since a spike in such inflammatory speeches and warmongering is usually seen before elections. Mounting international pressure has forced the Government to take action as a face-saving measure (Page 1, "Amid global outrage, BJP acts against leaders for hate remarks", June 6). Foot soldiers and staunch followers of political parties emulate their leaders and are bolstered by their statements. It is time political leaders stop religious discrimination for narrow political gains.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ In its clarificatory statement, the BJP says that it 'respects all religions'. But its actions do not support this line. Developments in Varanasi and Mathura do not augur well for India's integrity. Unless the BJP instils confidence in the minorities and assures them that they are an integral part of this nation, its actions will only cause great harm to our country's unity.

V. Ganapathy Subramanian,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

■ What a terrible shame this is from a diplomatic point of view. I am 88 and do not recall having read any report or moment over these years where India has experienced such an embarrassing backlash. And these are nations with stature and standing. It is an alarming thought that they could very easily act against the Indian community and India in several ways – introducing hurdles in remittance flows and cutting off transportation links and energy supplies could well be in the realm of possibility.

M. Gopal Hunsur,
Mysuru

■ It was not long ago that the Prime Minister trumpeted that he has not done anything that has brought shame to India. He has spoken too soon. Hate speeches against the minorities have been on the rise with the ruling party strengthening its power with brute majority. The "condemnation" and "boycott of Indian goods" are a signal. The BJP needs to mend its line of thinking and ensure the peaceful co-existence of all faiths.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

Champion Nadal

Until a few years ago, the injury-prone Rafael Nadal stood no chance of breaking Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam titles. But now, Nadal has scripted a whole new chapter in tennis – an act of pure perseverance with a never-say-die attitude, and a brilliant and outstanding record. A champion of champions indeed ('Sport' page – 'French Open', June 6).

A.V. Narayanan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Taking steps to ensure sex workers' rights

The various ambiguities and inconsistencies in the laws applicable to sex work need to be removed

R.K. VIJ

Survivors of trafficking at a meeting in Canning village in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. •MANOB CHOWDHARY

Recently, in *Budhadev Karmaskar v. State of West Bengal & Ors*, while issuing interim directions to States and Union Territories, the Supreme Court re-asserted that sex workers and their children cannot be deprived of their right to live with dignity and human decency. The court said that notwithstanding the profession, every individual in this country has the right to a dignified life. The court's directions are nothing but the recommendations made by the panel constituted by the Supreme Court in July 2011 and headed by a senior advocate, Pradip Ghosh, with regard to "conditions conducive for sex workers who wish to continue as sex workers to live with dignity in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the Constitution of India".

Enforcing directives

Since the Government of India had certain reservations about four of the 10 recommendations of the panel, the court directed the government to implement the other six recommendations as well as the provisions of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (ITPA) of 1956. These are: to provide immediate medical assistance to sex workers who are victims of sexual assault; to release adult sex workers detained in ITPA protective homes against their will; to sensitise the police and other law-enforcement agencies about the rights of sex workers to live with dignity; to ask the Press Council of India to issue guidelines to the media so that they don't reveal the identities of sex workers while reporting on arrest, raid and rescue operations; to not consider health measures that sex workers employ for their safety (such as condoms) as evidence of commission of an offence; and to ensure that the legal service authorities of the Central and State governments educate sex workers about their rights vis-à-vis the legality of sex work.

A provision is already available in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) on providing medical assistance to sex workers who are victims of sexual assault. However, the law is silent about not revealing the identity of sex workers. Similarly, though an order to send the sex worker to a protective home is passed by a magistrate after due inquiry about her need of care and protection, the ITPA and CrPC may be amended suitably to enforce the directions of the Supreme Court. Other directions may be implemented through executive orders by the governments.

Wider implications

One of the recommendations which the Central government expressed reservation about is of preventing the police from taking any criminal action against a sex worker who is an adult and is participating with consent, on the basis of 'age' and 'consent'. The expression 'sex worker' is not defined in the ITPA or any other law. According to the ITPA (as amended in January 1987), 'prostitution' means the sexual exploitation or abuse of persons for commercial purposes. Therefore, the expression 'prostitution' is not just confined to offering the body to a person for promiscuous sexual intercourse for hire (as per the definition before 1987); taking unjust and unlawful advantage of trapped women for one's benefit or sexual intercourse has been brought within its frame.

The word 'abuse' also has a wide meaning. It implies that being an adult sex worker who is a sex worker voluntarily is not an offence per se, until exploitation or abuse is reported by her or revealed during investigation. It will therefore be appropriate to define 'sexual exploitation' and 'abuse of persons' as well, through an amendment, to rule out multiple interpretations and possible misuse by the enforcement agencies, particularly if offering one's body with consent for consideration is kept out of the criminal framework.

Another recommendation that the government has reservations about notes that since voluntary sex work is not illegal and only running a brothel is unlawful, sex workers should not be arrested or victimised during any raid in the brothel. According to the ITPA, 'brothel' includes any place which is used for purposes of sexual exploitation or abuse for the gain of another person or for the mutual gain of two or more sex workers. What if willing sex workers have no complaint against the brothel owner or manager? Therefore, the government would need to decide as a policy whether the act of two or more sex workers living together for mutual gain and being managed by themselves or by anyone else is to be criminalised or not. This may require wider deliberations to take a considered viewpoint.

The third recommendation says that no child of a sex worker should be separated from the mother merely on the ground that the mother is in the sex trade. If a minor is living in a brothel or with sex workers, it should not be presumed that he/she has been trafficked. Though the law does not mandate separation of the child from the mother (sex worker), it presumes trafficking if a child is found with any person in a brothel. Also, if a child or a minor is rescued from a brothel, the magistrate may place him or her with any child care institute recognised under the Juvenile Justice Act. In *Gaurav Jain v. Union of India* (1997), the Supreme Court had held that children of sex workers ought not to be allowed to live in brothels, and reformatory homes should be made accessible to them. Therefore, keeping in view the child's welfare, a suitable amendment may be made to accommodate the Supreme Court's direction.

The fourth recommendation requires the government to involve sex workers or their representatives in the process of decision-making or in the process of drafting reforms in laws relating to sex work. As the purpose of this exercise is to rehabilitate sex workers and improve their living conditions, their involvement in decision-making will surely make the reforms more enforceable.

Why allow sexual exploitation?

It is noteworthy that carrying on sex work outside the notified areas or outside a distance of 200 metres of any place of public religious worship, educational institution, hospital, etc. is not punishable under the ITPA. The irony is that when the essential ingredient of sex work is 'sexual exploitation' or 'abuse of persons' for commercial purpose, how can this be allowed anywhere? Therefore, now with the court's directives on the anvil, it will be apposite for the government to differentiate between prostitution and the work of sex workers and consider banning prostitution per se and allowing voluntary sex work with certain conditions keeping in mind the public interest.

It is not disputed that women in the flesh trade should be viewed more as victims of adverse socioeconomic circumstances rather than as offenders. However, with all our laws and policies, we as a society have failed to contain prostitution. Therefore, the government may now use the Supreme Court's directions as an opportunity to improve the conditions of sex workers and their surrounding environment, facilitate rehabilitation, and remove the various ambiguities and inconsistencies in the applicable laws and bring about clarity.

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The need for digital collaboration

While online education is encouraged in India, UGC regulations don't allow tie-ups with foreign institutes for online learning

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The fact that the University Grants Commission (UGC) has simplified its approval process for local universities to collaborate with their counterparts abroad, to offer joint degrees, dual degrees, and twinning programmes, is heartening. As per the rules, any Indian Higher Education Institution (HEI) accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council with a minimum score of 3.01 on a 4-point scale or featuring in the top 1,000 of the Times Higher Education or QS World University Rankings will be eligible to participate in the collaboration. For Indian institutes, being in the top 100 list of the National Institute Ranking Framework is also an acceptable criterion. Foreign institutes willing to enter a partnership must rank in the top 1,000 in either of the two world university rankings.

While multiple steps taken by the present dispensation to meet the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic include leveraging the potential of information and communication technology in the teaching and learning process, the fact that the UGC's regulations do not allow academic collaboration with foreign institutions for online learning and open and distance learning (ODL) is puzzling.

Distance learning

In order to increase the gross enrolment ratio in HEIs in India, the National Education Policy of 2020 suggested that more ODL and online programmes be started, especially to improve access for those living in remote areas. ODL programmes impart education to people for whom the regular mode of learning is a distant dream owing to financial, personal and professional constraints. Often, part-time employees in both the organised and unorganised sectors are the ones who opt for ODL in order to upgrade their qualifications for better career prospects.

At the postgraduate, undergraduate, PG Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate levels, the share of distance enrolment in university is 13.8%, 35.9%, 1.1%, 1.5% and 0.4%, respectively (All India Survey on Higher Education, or AISHE, 2019-2000). Distance enrolment constitutes 11.1% of the total enrolment in higher education. These programmes are more affordable compared to the in-person programmes and are therefore popular among disadvantaged sections.

In order to promote online education in India, initiatives such as MOOCs, SWAYAM and NPTEL are sponsored by the UGC, the Department of Education, and other national institutes of repute. Of late, universities and colleges are centrally funded under the RUSA and TEQIP-III programmes to create and strengthen infrastructure for online and digital education. The Union Budget too announced the establishment of a digital university. It is inexplicable, therefore, that while online education is being encouraged on the one hand through several government initiatives, online programmes are being kept out of the ambit of international collaboration efforts by the UGC on the other.

According to AISHE's findings, 49,348 international students from 168 countries are enrolled in courses offered by Indian universities. The highest share of foreign students (45.6%) come from four neighbouring nations: Nepal, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Bhutan. Reaching out to the HEIs of such countries for international collaboration, notwithstanding their present standing and rank, will pave the way for an increase in the footfall of international students in India. This may especially prove to be a game changer for the financially constrained HEIs. Also, it will help to compensate the outflow of foreign exchange from India.

A disadvantage

The allocation of grants to central universities has risen to ₹9,420 crore from ₹7,643.26 crore last year in higher education. Monetary support to the IITs has increased by ₹658.9 crore and to the IIMs by ₹177.9 crore in 2022-23 compared to last year. These institutions, generously funded by the Centre, outplay their State-sponsored counterparts in other academic indicators too, such as faculty strength and modernised laboratories and libraries. Hence, that State-funded HEIs do not perform well in the ranking system is no surprise. Now, their chances for smooth international collaboration is also impeded by the UGC regulations. This will only exacerbate the divide between central and State institutes.

The UGC needs to revisit its policies for foreign collaborations. It must look at the present and overall needs of the education system so that students studying in State-sponsored HEIs and opting for ODL and online education are not deprived of benefits in India.

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STATE OF PLAY

Politics over the printed word

Textbook revision is the latest in the series of unfortunate political manoeuvres affecting students

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The raging controversy over school textbook revision in Karnataka has seen several twists and turns. It began with many expressing outrage over the addition of a speech by RSS founder K.B. Hedgewar in a revised textbook and the decision to leave out or edit lessons by many authors associated with the progressive stream in Kannada literature and tweak content that were critical of Brahminical traditions. Students, and Dalit and progressive organisations, have protested against the "saffronisation" and "Brahminisation" of the curriculum. These developments spurred over 10 writers to withdraw permission to use their works in textbooks, while the government insisted that it was impossible to drop or revise any text since the new books were already in print and had been partially distributed to students. A slew of BJP leaders launched a counter-attack, calling into question the credibility of the protesters.

However, the government was compelled to change tack when caste and religious organisations began to raise objections too. Seers associated with the powerful Veerashiva-Lingayat and Vokkaliga castes expressed dissent over some revisions and questioned the conduct of the head of the textbook revision committee, Rohith Chakrathirtha. The Veerashiva-Lingayats flagged alleged distortions in the profile of 12th Century social reformer Basaveshwara, such as leaving out references to his rebellion against the Brahminical order. The Vokkaligas pointed to Mr. Chakrathirtha's allegedly disparaging remarks on Kannada's literary icon Kuvempu and his sharing on social media a parody of *nada geethe* (State anthem), which was penned by Kuvempu.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai asked Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh to give him a report on the objections, and after prolonged deliberations, announced that the government had an "open mind" on changing content "that hurt sentiments". He said that some parts in the profile of Basaveshwara would be tweaked again, keeping in mind the objections raised, and the allegations of distorting *nada geethe* would be probed. But he made it clear that there was no question of dropping Hedgewar's speech. There is no indication of the government sparing a thought to the scores of objections raised against the ideological tweaking of historical facts.

With Assembly elections less than a year away, it is not hard to guess why the political dispensation, which has been growing more ideologically strident, has deferred to the demands of the seers. While the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community (to which Mr. Bommai belongs) is an important vote base for the BJP, the party is hopeful of increasing its footprint in the Vokkaliga heartland.

Interestingly, the genesis of the textbook revision can be traced back to the Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha's objections that a lesson in the earlier social science textbooks "hurt the sentiments" of the community, following which the revision committee was set up.

For students, textbook revision is the latest in the series of unfortunate political manoeuvres affecting them. If the authorities' claim that over three-fourths of the books are already printed and more than half are distributed is true, the logistical challenges involved in making changes again would be immense. While the academic calendar was thrown out of gear by COVID-19 for two years, in Karnataka, the hijab controversy later also muddied the atmosphere.

The saga highlights the importance of an established protocol for taking up textbook revision. Those protesting against the revisions have questioned the academic credentials of the head the panel and the lack of methodology. Until there is a methodology in place, with autonomy to scholars involved in the exercise assured, classrooms are bound to be spaces for political manipulations.

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DATA POINT

Why does the Gulf matter?

Following diplomatic backlash from all the countries that are part of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Oman — and Iran, the ruling BJP suspended its spokesperson, Nupur Sharma, and the Delhi unit of the party expelled its media cell head, Naveen Kumar, over their remarks on Prophet Mohammad and Islam. This strong response was necessary since the Gulf countries play a vital role in four key areas. One, the region accounts for 16% of India's total imports, with the UAE and Saudi Arabia featuring among India's top five import partners. Two, India sources close to 40% of its fuel needs from the GCC countries and Iran. Three, about 90 lakh Indians (28% of overseas Indians) reside in the Gulf region. And four, they account for over 55% of India's remittance inflows. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan** and **Jasmin Nihalani**

Share in trade

The table lists the share of GCC countries and Iran in India's total trade, imports, and exports and their ranking among over 200 countries between 2017 and 2021. For instance, the UAE accounted for 7% of India's total trade and ranked third

Country	Total trade share (%)	Import share (%)	Export share (%)	Total trade ranking	Import ranking	Export ranking
UAE	7.0%	6.2%	8.1%	3	3	2
S. Arabia	3.8%	5.1%	1.9%	4	4	14
Qatar	1.4%	2.0%	0.4%	22	15	43
Kuwait	1.1%	1.6%	0.4%	27	18	44
Iran	1.1%	1.3%	0.8%	28	23	33
Oman	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	35	31	34
Bahrain	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	71	72	66

Oil dependence

The table lists the share of GCC countries and Iran in India's total fuel imports which includes crude oil, natural gas and coal between 2017 and 2021. For instance, 14% of India's fuel needs were sourced from Saudi Arabia during this period

Country	Import ranking	Share in India's total imports of mineral fuels* (%)
S.Arabia	2	14.1%
UAE	3	9.5%
Qatar	6	5.7%
Kuwait	9	4.3%
Iran	10	3.6%
Oman	16	1.6%
Bahrain	47	0.1%

Indians in the Gulf

The table shows the number of overseas Indians in GCC countries and Iran according to the latest data published by the Ministry of External Affairs. About 3.4 million Indians reside in the UAE alone

Country	Overseas Indians	Ranking	Share of overseas Indians (%)
UAE	34,25,144	2	10.6%
S.Arabia	25,94,947	4	8.1%
Kuwait	10,29,861	10	3.2%
Oman	7,81,141	12	2.4%
Qatar	7,46,550	13	2.3%
Bahrain	3,26,658	18	1.1%
Iran	4,337	91	0.01%

Inward remittances

The table lists the flow of remittances from the GCC countries to India in 2017. The UAE accounts for 20% of India's inward remittances

Country	Remittance flows to India in 2017 ($ billion)	Ranking	Share in India's total remittance inflow in 2017 (%)
UAE	13.8	1	20.1%
S.Arabia	11.2	3	16.3%
Kuwait	4.6	4	6.6%
Qatar	4.1	5	6.1%
Oman	3.3	7	4.7%
Bahrain	1.3	11	1.9%

Source: UN Comtrade, Pew, MEA

A worker waters the grass in Doha, Qatar AFP

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 7, 1972

Order of Lenin presented to Tito

Moscow, June 6: The Order of Lenin was presented yesterday to the President of Yugoslavia, Mr. Tito, in a ceremony held at the Grand Kremlin Palace, Tass reports. Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, the Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Alexei Kosygin, the Prime Minister, and other officials were present at the ceremony. Presenting the Order of Lenin, the Soviet President, Mr. Podgorny said Mr. Tito was known in the Soviet Union as a champion of peace and development of international co-operation. "With your direct participation the Yugoslav foreign policy is making its contribution to the struggle against imperialist forces of aggression and oppression for freedom, independence, peace and security of peoples," Mr. Podgorny told Mr. Tito.

Mr. Tito arrived here yesterday on a week's official visit. Speaking at a banquet in his honour, shortly after he was awarded the Order of Lenin, Mr. Tito roundly condemned "aggression" in Vietnam and in West Asia. He called on the world's "progressives" to work towards "application of the principles of peaceful co-existence." The non-aligned countries were a force to be reckoned with in this connection, Mr. Tito said answering a toast by the Soviet Party leader, Mr. Leonid Brezhnev. Yugoslavia very much appreciated the Soviet Union's efforts in view of detente, he told Mr. Brezhnev. The common ground between the two countries was considerable, the Yugoslav President added.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 7, 1922

Save intellectuals

Santiniketan, June 6: Dr. Rabindranath Tagore has received a most urgent appeal from Professor Vinogradoff from Oxford University on behalf of the intellectuals of Russia, who are threatened with destruction from starvation. It says the whole higher life of Russia is in danger and the spiritual less to humanity will be terrible to contemplate if this starvation of intellectuals continues, but it may be still possible to avert this ultimate disaster. Dr. Rabindranath Tagore has been asked to form a committee in India to collect subscriptions on behalf of starving Russian intellectuals. This will be done as soon as possible. Meanwhile donations may be sent to Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, Santiniketan, Bengal, who will personally acknowledge them and forward them to Professor Vinogradoff at Oxford.

FROM PAGE ONE

More nations express outrage; India flays OIC

Mr. Bagchi said, "The absurdity of a serial violator of minority rights commenting on the treatment of minorities in another nation is not lost on anyone. The world has been witness to the systemic persecution of minorities."

The remarks from the UAE is an important turn in the controversy as the country has recently concluded a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India and is a crucial aviation and investment destination for the country. "The Ministry underscored the need to respect religious symbols and not violate them, as well as confront hate speech and violence," a comment from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE said.

While Saudi Arabia, Iran, Qatar, and Kuwait criticised the derogatory remarks on Sunday, Bahrain, Pakistan, the UAE, Jordan, Oman and the Maldives issued condemnations on Monday. The Taliban of Afghanistan too expressed condemnation.

Ms. Sharma and Mr. Jindal were stripped of their responsibilities by the BJP once Qatar and Kuwait became the first countries to protest against the offensive remarks about the Prophet.

Indonesia too has condemned the comments. "This message has been conveyed to the Indian Ambassador in Jakarta," said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia in an announcement.

BJP's Nupur complains of death threat; FIR filed

According to the police, the FIR has been registered under Sections 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence), 506 (criminal intimidation), 507 (criminal intimidation by an anonymous communication) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code against unknown people.

During investigation, Ms. Sharma complained that she received threats from certain persons regarding promoting enmity. The police said a response from Twitter Inc. was awaited, and investigation was under way.

On Sunday, the BJP suspended Ms. Sharma and expelled its Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal over their derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammed that escalated with protests from some Muslim countries.

After the action, Ms. Sharma unconditionally withdrew her controversial statement made in the TV debate and claimed that her comments were a reaction to "continuous insult and disrespect towards Lord Shiva."

The BJP's disciplinary committee communicated to her saying that the views expressed by her were contrary to the party's position on various matters, which is in clear violation of its constitution.

Sikh leader calls for arms training

"Today, we are confronting several challenges that are weakening us on the religious, social and economic fronts. To weaken us on the religion front, strong propagation of 'Christianity' is being carried out in Punjab, which is a matter of concern for us. This should be tackled by the Sikh institutions and organisations by preaching Sikh faith like the old Sikhs and saints did. Religious sentiments should be instilled in the youth, in particular, so that the community becomes socially, economically and politically strong. I appeal to all the eminent Sikhs to visit villages, especially the border (India-Pakistan) villages of Punjab, and strengthen Sikhism... We need to understand that if we are weak on the religion, economic and social fronts, then we will be weakened politically, too, and will stay distant from the "raj' (rule). It's very important for us to strengthen ourselves on the religion front," he said.

"I would urge Sikh organisations that today the need has arisen to establish *gatka* (a style of fighting with wooden sticks) training centres. Also, there's no harm in setting up modern weapons training centres, such as shooting ranges," he said.

It was on June 6, 1984, that the Army stormed the complex of the Golden Temple in Amritsar – Sikhism's holiest shrine – to flush out extremists led by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

PM urges bank chiefs to make loan process easier

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged bank chiefs to make it easier for people to get loans through the new Jan Samarth portal, a repository of a dozen credit-linked government schemes.

At the launch of the Iconic Week celebrations of the Finance and Corporate Affairs Ministries, he said it was imperative to focus on making Indian banks and the rupee an integral part of global trade and supply chains. He said the new portal would make life easier for farmers, students and entrepreneurs as they could assess which scheme worked best for them, on that platform instead of visiting various websites.

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said as of now, 12 credit schemes that granted credit from banks were on the portal, to ensure that citizens need not answer the same questions whenever they applied for schemes.

Mr. Modi said the Ministry had charted a great journey in recent years by "taking the right decisions at the right time".

The PM released a special series of ₹1, ₹2, ₹5, ₹10 and ₹20 coins with the logo "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", which he said would "persistently remind people of the goals of the *Amrit Kaal* and inspire them to contribute to the country's development".

He said people's participation had increased and the poorest of the poor had been empowered in the past eight years, following several unique steps taken by the government. "Such a great work of financial inclusion has not happened anywhere in the world in such a short time. And most of all, we got to see a new courage among the people of the country to make their dreams come true," Mr. Modi said.

₹76,390-cr. defence projects get nod

The proposals include manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Su-30 MKI engines by HAL

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The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Monday accorded preliminary approval, the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN), for capital acquisition proposals of the armed forces amounting to ₹76,390 crore.

"This will provide substantial boost to the Indian defence industry and reduce foreign spending significantly," a Defence Ministry statement said.

"For the Army, the DAC accorded fresh AoNs for procurement of rough terrain fork lift trucks, bridge-laying tanks, wheeled armoured fighting vehicles with anti-tank guided missiles and weapon-locating radars through domestic sources with emphasis on indigenous design and development," it said.

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For the Navy, the AoN was accorded for the procurement of next-generation corvettes (NGCs) at an estimated cost of approximately ₹36,000 crore.

"These NGCs will be versatile platforms for variety of roles viz. surveillance missions, escort operations, deterrence, surface action group operations, search & attack and coastal defence," the Ministry said.

These NGCs would be constructed based on the Navy's new in-house design using the latest technology in shipbuilding and would contribute to further the government's SAGAR (Security and Growth for all in the Region) initiative, it noted.

The DAC also accorded AoNs for the manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Su-30 MKI aero-engines by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. focused on enhancing indigenisation, particularly in indigenising aero-engine material.

A Digital Coast Guard project under "Buy (Indian) category" has also been approved by the DAC. Under this project, a secure pan-India network for digitising various surface and aviation operations, logistics, finance and human resources processes in the Coast Guard will be established, the statement added.

ED files charge sheet against Choksi, wife

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The ED on Monday filed a prosecution complaint (charge sheet) against absconding diamantaire Mehul Choksi and his wife in the ₹13,578-crore PNB fraud case.

This is the third charge sheet filed by the central agency but the first one that names Choksi's wife Priti Pradyotkumar Kothari. The complaint also names Choksi, his three companies – Gitanjali Gems Limited, Gili India Limited and Nakshatra Brand Limited.

ED raids Satyendar Jain's residence

His relatives' premises too searched

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday conducted searches at Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain's residence and other locations in the national capital in connection with a money laundering case filed against the Minister.

Satyendar Jain

The searches were also carried out on the premises of Mr. Jain's relatives and associates. The ED had earlier taken Mr. Jain into custody, following which he was arrested for recording his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The agency last month attached assets worth ₹4.81 crore that were in the name of Akinchan Developers, Indo Metalimpex, Paryas Infosolutions, Mangalayatan Projects and J.J. Ideal Estate, Swati Jain, Sushila Jain and Indu Jain.

According to the ED, the investigation is based on a first information report registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation against Mr. Jain and others in August 2017, on the charge of assets disproportionate to known sources of income acquired between 2015 and 2017 when he was a Delhi Minister. The ED had earlier said: "During 2015-16, when Satyendar Kumar Jain was a public servant, the above-mentioned companies beneficially owned and controlled by him received accommodation entries to the tune of ₹4.81 crore from shell companies against cash transferred to Kolkata-based entry operators through 'hawala' route."

The funds were used to buy land or for repaying loans taken to acquire agricultural land in and around Delhi, as alleged. The CBI case also names Mr. Jain's wife Poonam Jain, Ajit Prasad Jain, Vaibhav Jain, Sunil Kumar Jain and Ankush Jain as accused.

In December 2018, it filed a chargesheet against Mr. Jain and others after the Home Ministry gave sanction to prosecute him. The alleged disproportionate assets during the check period were valued as ₹1.47 crore.

Watch IPL's next big battle royal

Several players will slug it out for the multi-crore media rights auction on June 12

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The underdogs had a field day in Indian Premier League (IPL) 15, which garnered a record sponsorship of over ₹1,000 crore, and a new title sponsor in the Tatas. New franchise Gujarat Titans defied all odds to win the tournament, even as fancied franchises Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings shocked fans with their poor run.

Gujarat Titans get a huge welcome in Ahmedabad. Broadcasters use IPL rights to gain viewers • VIJAY SONEJI

Will the next battle of IPL – the auction for media rights – also throw similar surprises? A lot rides on these auctions, touted to be worth nearly ₹50,000 crore, for the 10-odd companies that have picked up the bid documents, especially for incumbent Disney Star.

Media consultants reckon the combined rights (global TV rights plus digital) could go for anywhere between ₹40,000 crore and ₹50,000 crore – a whopping rise from the ₹16,347.5 crore that Star had picked it up in 2018 for.

Though the declining viewership of the Tata IPL – a 33% dip in TV eyeballs – and discounted ad rates have led to questions about the high price of media rights, the expert view is that it is a fair hike.

A senior media analyst justifies the increase by pointing out that the previous winning bid five years ago was for 60 matches. Now there are 74 matches plus the year-on-year inflationary increase. Also he says digital viewership rights had been under-indexed before.

Also, broadcasters can use the IPL rights to create a lot of other programming and gain viewers. As advertising firm Rediffusion's chief Sandeep Goyal argues, "The ascendancy of the media companies and groups is in many ways dictated by whether they have the IPL rights. For instance, for the years that Star India had the rights, they outdistanced all competitors by many miles."

Shailesh Kapoor, founder and CEO of Ormax Media, says there is simply no other content with the kind of eyeballs that IPL gets – back in the day you still had a *Saas Bahu* or a KBC. Also as he points out IPL is the engine that drives digital subscriptions. For Hotstar, India reportedly contributes as much as 30% of its global revenues and IPL is the differentiating factor.

For the franchise owners too, a lot rides on the IPL media rights as a big chunk of their revenues hinge on this. Dabur's Mohit Burman, who is co-owner of the Punjab Kings franchise, points out that given the steep amounts that owners of the new Lucknow and Gujarat teams forked out to buy these franchises (₹7,090 crore and ₹5,625 crore), they must have factored in the upcoming media rights.

But Mr. Burman sounds a cautionary note, saying the BCCI should not overprice the media rights. "It should not be that media rights are bought by companies at such huge values that it becomes unaffordable for advertisers and that it becomes difficult for media companies to recoup their money."

While IPL 15 may have broken all records in terms of sponsorships, recessionary trends impacted advertising rates. Media planners feel it would be hard to attract advertising in the next edition. The viewership dip in IPL 15 will not help either. There are concerns that the 10 team format is causing fatigue.

Vinit Karnik, head, Sports, Esports and Entertainment, GroupM South Asia, says lack of team loyalties has played a part in dip.

Mr. Goyal feels IPL needs a serious rethink in terms of format, talent and innovations.

Finally, according to experts, the rights will go to those who are most desperate. And these seem to be Star and the new Uday Shanker -Viacom Sports 18 combine. For Star, Zee or Sony, feels Mr. Goyal, if they could get the cricket rights, it would have a far-reaching impact across their network of channels. "There is cross pollination of advantage across the network that is priceless."

It is game on!

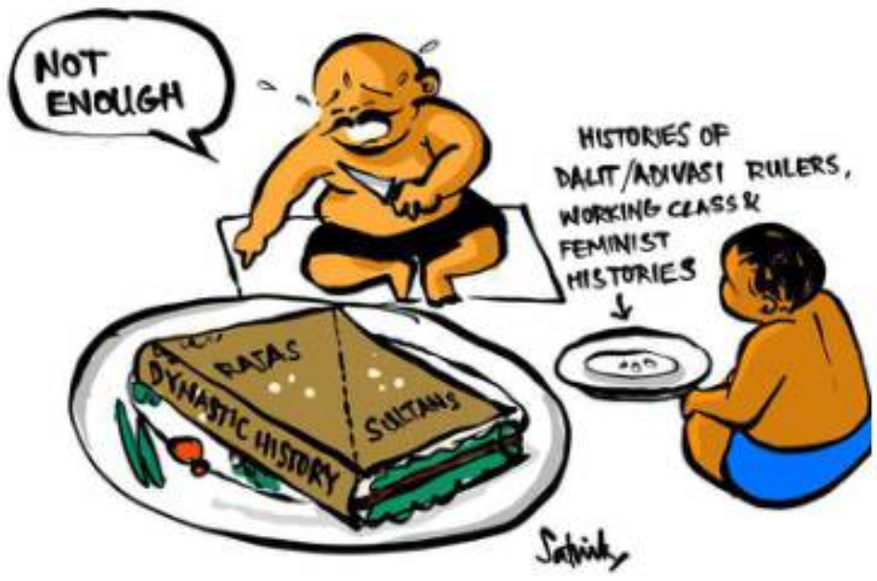
Mumbai Police issue notice to Rana couple

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

The Mumbai Police have sent a notice to Independent MP Navneet Rana and her husband, Ravi Rana, MLA, intimating the duo that a chargesheet will be filed against them and directing them to be present before a local court in Bandra on June 8.

The notice was sent by the Khar Police Station on June 4 to the Rana couple's Mumbai residence. It said that the police will file a chargesheet based on a case filed against under Section 353 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against the Rana couple.

On the draw



Strategic missile Agni-4 successfully test-fired

All operational parameters validated

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India on Monday successfully tested the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Agni-4, which met all parameters.

Training launch

"A successful training launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-4, was carried out at approximately 1930 hours on June 06, 2022 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha," a Defence Ministry statement said.

The successful test was part of routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command, it stated.

Range of 3,500 km

The missile, one of many in the Agni series of strategic missiles, has a range of over 3,500 km.

The statement from the Defence Ministry said that the launch validated all operational parameters and as also the reliability of the system.

The Defence Ministry further added, "The successful test of the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile reaffirms India's policy of having a 'Credible Minimum Deterrence' Capability."

Union govt. seeks fresh comments on draft IT rules

Ministry of Electronics and IT reposts the draft amendments, with detailed reasoning, on its website

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Following an uproar over the proposed amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Rules, the government on Monday said that the recommendations placed the interests of "Digital Indians" first, and sought to ensure that the constitutional rights of citizens were not contravened by "big-tech platforms".

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) on Monday reposted the draft amendments on its website, inviting comments from stakeholders in the next 30 days. The move comes within a week of the draft being pulled off the website following an uproar over the proposal that seeks to set up a new panel, whose members will be chosen by the government, with powers to overturn content moderation decisions taken by social media platforms.

While no significant changes have been made, the Ministry has now added its detailed reasoning for the amendments.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar tweeted: "Putting Interests of Digital Nagriks [citizens] First. New amended IT (Intermediary) Rules are out for public consultation – more effective grievance addressal and ensuring constitutional rights of the citizens are respected."

The note uploaded along with the draft amendments says the amended IT rules seek to provide additional avenues for grievance redressal, apart from the courts, and "also ensure that the Constitutional rights of Indian citizens are not contravened by any Big-tech Platform by ensuring new accountability standards for SSMIs [significant social media intermediaries]".

These will not impact early stage or growth stage Indian companies or start-ups, it added.

"The goals of these rules are to ensure an Open, Safe & Trusted and Accountable Internet for all Indian Internet Users and Digital Nagriks," the government said, adding that the existing rules have succeeded in creating a new sense of accountability among intermediaries to their users.

However, as the digital ecosystem and connected Internet users in India expand, so do the challenges and problems faced by them, as well as some of the infirmities and gaps that exist in the current rule vis-a-vis Big Tech platforms, it said. "Therefore, new amendments have been proposed to the IT Rules 2021, to address these challenges and gaps...A formal public consultation meeting will be arranged by mid-June, and the details will be notified soon," it added.

The broad principles that underpin these amended rules, it said, include that all online intermediaries providing services in India shall never contravene the Indian Constitution, Laws and Rules; follow them in letter and spirit; and "unlawful and harmful information violative of their own terms and conditions shall be quickly removed when reported by users, while also providing the users a reasonable opportunity to respond in case of significant social media platforms".

It further added that while the IT Rules, 2021, provide for a robust grievance redressal mechanism, there have been many instances in which the grievance officers of intermediaries either did not address the grievances satisfactorily and/or fairly. "In such a scenario, the need for an appellate forum has been proposed to protect the rights and interests of users," the MeitY said.

Suspension sets off internal churn in BJP

Top leadership of party and govt. facing criticism for the first time over how the issue was handled

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

The suspension of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma and the expulsion of its Delhi unit media cell chief Naveen Kumar on Sunday amid a diplomatic row between India and West Asian countries has created a major buzz within the BJP, not just in the social media ecosystem created immediately before and after 2014 but also within the party organisation over the manner in which the issue has been handled.

The episode reflects an internal churn within the BJP on rhetoric, ideology, and rewards.

Twitter hashtags such as #ShameOnBJP trended after Ms. Sharma's suspension, with many prominent BJP supporters, though not officially members of the party, expressing the sentiment that Ms. Sharma and Mr. Kumar had been abandoned by the party at a time when she had received death threats over her remarks.

"On our internal groups she [Ms. Sharma] has received a lot of sympathy and many are questioning whether to support a party that is so pusillanimous in helping out supporters, even terming the official spokesperson of the party as 'fringe'," a young social media right-wing influencer said.

On the boil: Muslim women protesting against suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma in Thane, in this May 31 photo. PTI

The top leadership of the party and the government, which has only received accolades from such groups till now, has been roundly criticised for the first time.

Office-bearers of the party, speaking to *The Hindu*, acknowledged that the nine-day interval between Ms. Sharma's remarks and her suspension, that too only after demonstrable protests in West Asian countries, showed the party in a bad light. "Basically that, till it became an international issue, we were not going to take any action. This depicts insincerity with regard to the reasons for the suspension and that we can be steamrollered," a senior office-bearer said.

RSS stance

The most interesting aspect of the churn has been an attempt at a pivot by the larger Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) parivar to be less agitational and reflects the fact that the BJP has now been at the helm for the past eight years.

As reported in *The Hindu* earlier, at a "*chintan baithak*" of top RSS leaders in Haridwar in early April, a major discussion was held on the need to tone down confrontational rhetoric, not least because agitating for causes would lead to the most obvious question being asked – if your ideological fraternity is in government, why can't it address your issues without agitations on the ground?

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's statement on the Gyanvapi controversy – that it should be resolved by mutual dialogue between Hindu and Muslim communities or the court of law – came out of that meet.

More interestingly, at a "*prashikshan varg*" or training exercise for the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) held in Dharamsala recently, resource persons from the party insisted that rather than concentrating only on ground mobilisation, BJYM members should also look into academic reading and writing articles for newspapers, etc. "It was the exact opposite of what we had been told in all the training programmes we had attended earlier," a BJYM member said.

At this, one member had a sharp question: "Why was it then that the party rewarded people like Delhi BJP leaders Kapil Mishra and Tajinder Bagga, known for controversial remarks, with ticket during polls? Will riding motorcycles with the party flag get us the ticket or writing an Op-Ed?"

This question reflects the churn within, with the party's top leadership slowly trying to pivot to a different level, but eight years of *modus vivendi* for the rank and file, of leaders being rewarded for polarising rhetoric, will not go away so easily. The Nupur Sharma episode could well be an inflection point.

A senior office-bearer said that the situation with regard to all these instructions was similar to the situation on the ground where "the Congress can't reconcile to being out of power, and the BJP can't believe it is in power".

BJP's bigotry isolated India, lowered standing: Congress

'Why should country pay the price for party's mistakes?'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The "shameful" bigotry of the BJP has not only isolated India but also damaged her global standing, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said on Monday, while targeting the ruling party over controversial remarks made by its now-sacked leaders against Prophet Muhammed and Islam.

Rahul Gandhi

While the party's official Twitter handle questioned why these BJP functionaries had not been arrested yet, former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said, "Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar were not the original creators of Islamophobia as they are trying to be more loyal than the king."

Taking to Twitter, Mr. Gandhi said, "Divided internally, India becomes weak externally. BJP's shameful bigotry has not only isolated, but also damaged India's global standing."

The Congress's official handle tweeted that the country will not apologise for the mistakes of the BJP, but the ruling party president should do so. "Instead of doing a drama of action against anti-social elements in the party who have defamed India at the international level, it should immediately arrest them," it said with the #hashtag BJP_Defames_India.

'Follow Raj dharma'

Echoing such a position, party spokesperson Pawan Khera said, "Why should the country pay a price for the mistakes of the BJP. Nothing can be more shameful than the the fact that the Prime Minister is reminded by Qatar and Kuwait about his *Raj dharma*."

Mr. Khera said if the Prime Minister had reprimanded BJP supporters and a TV anchor who indulged in regular hate campaign against a particular community, then the country would have been saved from the present embarrassment.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "Our dapper External Affairs Minister got his spokesman to dismiss a U.S. government report on religious minorities in India as 'vote-bank politics in international relations'. U.S. allies in Gulf are giving a reply".

In a series of tweets, party's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala called the BJP's claim of respecting all religions a "sham".

"In order to get votes, the top leadership of the party creates a new vocabulary with words like *Shamshan-Kabristan* (cremation ground versus graveyard), 80:20, Bulldozer ... " Mr. Surjewala said,.

Azam's aide, Akhilesh's cousin are SP candidates for LS byelections

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party (SP) on Monday declared a close aide of senior party MLA Azam Khan as its candidate for the Lok Sabha byelection in Rampur, while in Azamgarh, the party decided to field former MP Dharmendra Yadav, a cousin of SP president Akhilesh Yadav.

Asim Raja, SP president of Rampur city, was given the green signal at a meeting conducted by Mr. Khan on the last day for filing nominations. Mr. Raja has been a Nagarpalika member but has never contested any election. In Azamgarh, the SP has banked on a trusted candidate in the form of Mr. Dharmendra Yadav, a three-time former MP, who won from Budaun in the Rohilkhand region in 2009 and 2014, but lost in 2019 despite support from the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

Rajasthan BJP shifts MLAs to hotel for 'RS polls training'

As several MLAs have been elected for the first time, they need to be trained in casting votes, it says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The BJP in Rajasthan shifted its MLAs on Monday to a camp in a hotel at Jamdoli, on the outskirts of Jaipur, for imparting training to them for polling in the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections.

The decision followed a similar move by the ruling Congress, which has sequestered its legislators in a resort near Udaipur.

The BJP, which has 71 members in the Assembly, is set to win one seat, after which it will be left with 30 surplus votes. Besides fielding former Minister Ghanshyam Tiwari as its official candidate, the party has extended support to media baron Subhash Chandra, contesting as an Independent.

The BJP MLAs reached the party's State headquarters at Sardar Patel Marg here, from where they were taken to the hotel in two buses. As many as 64 of the 71 legislators reached the camp by late evening. Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and BJP's State in-charge Arun Singh met them at the hotel.

BJP State president Satish Poonia said senior leaders would hold demonstrations at the camp to apprise the MLAs of the polling process. "Several of our MLAs have been elected for the first time. They need to be trained in casting their votes. Lectures will also be organised for the legislators, throwing light on the party's history, principles and the ideology of cultural nationalism," he said.

Mr. Poonia denied that the camp had any shape of *barabandi* (sequestering) to keep the flock together.

Congress discusses *Bharat Jodo Yatra* plan

Will reach out to people: Digvijaya

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh chaired a meeting of the Central Planning Group for the *Bharat Jodo Yatra* that the party is planning to undertake from October 2. The *yatra* aims to unite the country that has been under assault from divisive forces, Mr. Singh told *The Hindu*. The country-wide *yatra* is likely begin from Kanyakumari.

Mr. Singh said that the meeting on Sunday was the first brainstorming session where the concept was discussed, and in subsequent meetings the logistics and route would be decided. The *yatra* will cover nearly 3,000 km.

The meeting was also attended by former party chief Rahul Gandhi. "There is an urgent need to unite the country at a time when divisive forces are spreading hatred and breaking up the country. Politics is all about connecting to people. Through this *yatra* we will reach out to them, listen to their problems and amplify their voices," Mr. Singh said. The *yatra*, equally, is the Congress's effort to reconnect to the masses, he said.

The decision to hold the *yatra* was taken during the three-day introspection session that the party held in Udaipur. Announcing the *yatra*, Congress president Sonia Gandhi had said, "The *yatra* is to strengthen the bonds of social harmony that are under stress, to preserve the foundational values of our Constitution that are under assault and to highlight the day-to-day concerns of crores of our people."

GOVT. DOON MEDICAL COLLEGE
PATEL NAGAR, DEHRADUN - 248001, UTTARAKHAND Tel: 0135-2726020, 2726021
Email ID: doonmedicalcollege@gmail.com, Website : www.gdmcuk.com
Latter No.- GDMC/Advt./2022/3326 Dated : 06.06.2022
NOTIFICATION FOR WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehradun invites applicants for a Walk-in-Interview for **All Faculty Appointments [Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor]** on a Contractual basis on **17th June, 2022.**
Details regarding vacancies, reservation status emoluments and other relevant information can be downloaded from official college website **www.gdmcuk.com**
Candidates are requested to upload application forms from this website **www.gdmcuk.com** and mail applications before **15th June, 2022 at recruitmentgdmc@gmail.com**
All Applicants to report for Interview along with application form and relevant documents with 2 sets of Xerox Copies each.
Qualification : As per latest NMC norms.
Vacancies : As per Institutional requirements.
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Principal,
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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI
Marketing Department e-Tender-cum-Reverse Auctioning / Reverse Tendering Notice
Roc.No.M2-34022(31)/130/2022 Dated:04-06-2022
e-Tenders are invited for "procurement of 1,20,000 Kgs. of cashew splits 'S' grade for a period of one month quantity" by the Marketing Department, T.T.D., Tirupati through online e-Tender-cum-Reverse Auctioning / Reverse Tendering process. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site http://www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. Click on current Tenders and select "more" and "Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams-MARKETING". For further details contact phone numbers:0877-2264079, 226455, Fax No.0877-2264554.

Name of the Item	E.M.D. Rs.	Tender Period	Date of Tender	
			Technical Bid	Reverse Auction/ Reverse Tendering
1,20,000 Kgs of Cashew Splits 'S' grade	Rs.23,00,000/- (Rupees twenty three lakhs only) (to be uploaded online)	One Month	14-06-22	15-06-22 (02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.)

Roc.No.PR4/13943/Adv.No.75/PRO/2022, Dated:06-06-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT
NOTIFICATION
Government of Andhra Pradesh invites applications for the post of Vice Chancellor to Dr.YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University, Kadapa.
For other details, please visit **https://apsche.ap.gov.in** Applications with bio-data filled in the prescribed proforma and other requisite documents may be sent within 20 days from the date of issue of notification by registered post to the following address.
The Chairman,
A.P.State Council of Higher Education,
3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Neeladri Towers,
Sri Ram Nagar, 6th Battalion Road,
Atmakur (V), Managalagiri (M), Guntur - 522503
Date: 06-06-2022 SYAMALA RAO J
Place: Velagapudi PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Mfed/Mktg/M1/5531/2022-23 03/06/2022
Matsyafed invites online bids in two bid system (Technical & Financial) for the supply of **HDPE Twine for Cages& Deep sea fishing, Nylon/Multifilament Webbings, Nylon Monofilament Webbings, HDPE Fish Net Webbings, HDPE/PP Ropes, PVC Fishing Float, Plastic Fishing Float, Dyes, Fish Net Resin, HDPE Woven Sacks, Plastic Crates, HDPE T&B Twine, Nylon Monofilament Twine,Happa rolls** to the net factories and OBM Division.
Last date of submission of e-bid : 10/06/2022
Date of opening of E-bid : 14/06/2022.
For details visit: http://etenders.kerala.gov.in. Further clarifications / Corrigendum in this regard will only be put up on www.matsyafed.in.
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KERALA STATE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT LIMITED (MATSYAFED) KAMALALAYAM, MANACAUD P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695009
Phone: (0471-2459308, 2457755, 2452272)
Website: www.matsyafed.in Email:

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Notice Inviting E-Tender
GGM/SZ invites E-Tender (Through two bids system) for setting up of Refreshment Rooms (BK), Refreshment Rooms (RR), Jan Aahar (JA)-Kitchen units, Food Plaza (FP) and Fast Food Units (FFU) at Railway Stations over Southern & South Western Railway.

S. No.	Unit Type	E-Tender No.	Sale of Tender	Last Date & Time for submission of E-Tender
1.	FP & FFU	SZ/NIT/FP-FFU/ 2022-23/01	06.06.2022	28.06.2022 at 15:00 hrs
2.	RR (BK)	SZ/NIT/RR (BK)/ 2022-23/01	06.06.2022	28.06.2022 at 12:00 hrs
3.	RR & JA	SZ/NIT/RR & JA/ 2022-23/01	07.06.2022	29.06.2022 at 12:00 hrs

Pre-bid meeting on 14.06.2022, 11:00 Hrs at IRCTC/Zonal Office, Chennai. Tender document downloading & participation can be done on website :- < www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC >
In case of any corrigendum/addendum issued on the above advertisement, it will be published only on IRCTC's website < **www.irctc.com** >

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फोन नंबर:-01493-238819 ई-मेल:- bida.bhiwadi@rajasthan.gov.in
S.No. :- 3196/22 Date :- 03-06-2022
Expression of Interest
CONSULTANCY WORK OF DPR FOR MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN FOR BHIWADI CITY AND DISPOSAL OF WATER UPTO FINAL DISPOSAL POINT
The Bhiwadi Integrated Development Authority (BIDA), Bhiwadi invites proposal for **Consultancy work of DPR for Master drainage plan for Bhiwadi City and disposal of water upto final Disposal point** Detailed of EOI, eligibility criteria schedule and conditions can be seen on https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from dated 05-06-2022, 10.00 AM to 27-06-2022, 5.00 PM.
Executive Engineer
BIDA, Bhiwadi
राज.संवाद / पी / 22 / 2929

DR.BABU JAGJIVAN RAM LEATHER INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.,
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No.32, Dr.Babu Jagjivan Ram Lidkar Bhavan, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanthnagara Bangalore – 560052.
Ph No. 080-22288895/22288897, Email: lidkar2018@gmail.com
Ref: LIDKAR/COMM/2022-23 Dated: 06.06.2022
RFQ Notification
Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Leather Industries Development Corporation Ltd., (LIDKAR) invites RFQ for empanelment of reputed Manufactures of Leather Shoes/ Footwear/ Leather Goods/ Garments and Allied Products. The terms and conditions are laid down in the Request for Qualification (RFQ) Documents. RFQs are being floated through e-Portal and interested Manufacturers shall submit the Tenders through e-Portal only.
Last date for Submission of RFQ Proposals through E-portal: **15.06.2022 @ 16.00 pm**, Date and time of Opening RFQ Proposal: **17.06.2022 @ 15.00 pm**. For necessary details visit the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/** help line No. 080-25501216/1227.
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PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
TENDER NOTICE No: - CIVIL/HO/09/01/2022-2023
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the Joint City Engineer, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works.
1) The contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding Royalty and material testing charges as mentioned below.
2) The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work.
3) Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost put to the Tender (Rs) (4+6)	Cost of Work excluding Royalty & Material testing charges (Rs)	Royalty (Rs)	Testing Charges (Rs)	Earnest money (0.50%) (Rs)	Security Deposit (5%) (Rs)	Time limit in calendar Months including Monsoon	Cost of Tender Document GST (Non refundable) (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Construction of Approach Road and other allied Works in Kirkee Contonment area for access to the Village Bopkhel.	17,97,57,218	17,93,00,503	29,59,026	4,56,715	8,98,786	89,87,860	18	37,430

Time table for the tenders shall be as follows:

Online sale of tenders	Date- 04/06/2022 to 01/07/2022
Last date of submission of tenders	Date- 01/07/2022 up to 3.00 pm
Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time	Date- 10/06/2022 at 3.00 pm
Place of Pre Bid Meeting	Office of Joint City Engineer, Civil Engg. Deppt 1st Floor, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune - 411018
Date of opening of tenders	Date- 04/07/2022 at 11.00 am (if possible)

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Active COVID cases rise to 25,782

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NEW DELHI

India logged 4,518 new coronavirus infections in the 24 hours to 8 a.m. on Monday, taking the active case tally to 25,782, showed the updated Union Health Ministry data.

The death toll climbed to 5,24,701 with nine fresh fatalities.

The active cases, making up 0.06% of the total infections, went up by 1,730 cases.

The national COVID-19 recovery rate was 98.73%, the Ministry said.

The daily positivity rate was 1.62%, while the weekly positivity rate was 0.91%, according to the Ministry.

The case fatality rate was 1.22%.

Four new fatalities are from Kerala, two from Uttar Pradesh and one each from Maharashtra, Karnataka and West Bengal.

INTERVIEW | PRIYA ABRAHAM

'To say that it's all over with COVID-19 will be premature'

There is an uptick in cases in Mumbai, and we don't know how this virus will behave in the coming months, says Director of NIV, Pune

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN

Priya Abraham, *Director, National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), says the country is prepared to face monkeypox, while warning that it's premature to say COVID-19 is over. Dr. Abraham explains that with human beings coming into closer contact with animals, the chances of pathogens spilling over from animals to humans become more likely. Edited excerpts:*

India has lowered its guard against COVID-19 as far as travel restrictions, opening up of the economy, and mandatory testing are concerned. What then is the current danger, with pockets around the world still in COVID's red zone? Also, does India need to worry about monkeypox?

■ India has been in a fairly good space over the past few months as far as the COVID pandemic in concerned. We have a large section of society that is double-vaccinated, there is fair amount of immunity following natural immunity, and Omicron doesn't seem to be registering the large number of fatalities that was seen with the previous COVID variants. Vaccines are certainly preventing serious disease, hospitalisation, and death.

But to say that it's all over would be premature right now. We are seeing now an uptick in cases in Mumbai over the past few days. We don't know how this virus will behave in the coming months and how or when a virulent variant may appear.

India's laboratory strength has been scaled up during this pandemic and currently, we have more trained staff and the required equipment to perform tests. The surveillance network in the country has been reinforced and is fairly robust, and on the medical side, doctors (both in government and private sector) have seen the benefits of recognising and registering any worrying trends promptly.

As for monkeypox, we know that it spreads through large droplets, close contact, etc. Monkeypox is not causing a pandemic. However, as of June 1, over 500 cases have been reported across 26 countries. We have to watch and be prepared. The Health and Family Welfare Ministry has published guidelines for the management of monkeypox.

Also, during the COVID-19 pandemic, India has become broadly prepared in terms of laboratory strength, training and diagnostic equipment. Monkeypox is to be treated as a biosafety risk level 3 pathogen. Therefore, it will be handled only in a high containment laboratory. ICMR-NIV is the only laboratory that will be testing suspected cases. As part of quality control, testing will be done in parallel in two separate laboratories at the institute initially, before the presence of monkeypox in the country can be declared.

Monkeypox is not causing a pandemic. We have to watch and be prepared

How good are repeated booster COVID-19 vaccine doses and mixed doses against the SARS-CoV-2 virus?

■ There is no evidence to show, as of now, that repeated booster doses [fourth and fifth doses] would help an individual.

There are, however, countries where this trend is prevalent, but India has not recommended this.

Is India or the world prepared for another COVID-like outbreak given that human-wildlife interface is becoming far more common and closer than ever before, and we are living in a state of climatic changes?

■ A change in global temperature by even one degree has far-reaching changes in terms of animal-human interface and the environment. With human beings pushing into forest spaces and coming closer in contact with animals, the chances of animal-to-human spillover becomes more likely.

India is now working towards setting up a One Health Centre in Nagpur, which should be ready in about two years time. This centre is primarily focused on a holistic approach towards detecting infections, where veterinary and medical scientists will work alongside each other to understand, anticipate and, in the long run, prevent zoonotic spillovers.

One Health is an approach calling for the collaborative efforts of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally and globally, to attain optimal health for people, animals, and our environment.

Have we been able to pin-point the specific cause or reason for the COVID-19 outbreak? What is the 'most likely' theory that the scientific community says is emerging?

■ There is no black-and-white answer as to how COVID-19 came about. International experts have looked into the possible sources and the more plausible theory is the spillover from the Huanan live animal and seafood market in Wuhan city. Now, more than ever before, we understand the risks of zoonotic spill overs. We have developed systems and a better awareness after COVID-19...

Policies can change in public interest: SC

'Personal interest holds less value'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government can change its policies, toppling prior agreements with private parties, provided the policy change is in public interest and guided by reason, the Supreme Court has held in a judgment.

The recent judgment authored by Justice B.R. Gavai said that "in the case of conflict between public interest and personal interest, public interest should prevail... a change in policy by the Government can have an overriding effect over private treaties between the government and a private party, if the same was in the general public interest and provided such change in policy was guided by reason".

The case concerned the recovery of an additional 64.7% in payment from persons allotted plots by the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA). The additional money was meant to pay farmers whose lands were acquired for the development project. It was considered as a "no-litigation incentive" for the farmers.

YEIDA project stalled

The farmers, whose lands were acquired by the YEIDA, had started an unrest when they found that their compatriots whose lands were acquired by the New Okhla Industrial Authority for a similar project were paid 64.7% additional compensation.

The farmers' unrest eventually stalled the YEIDA project as vast stretches of land could not be developed. The allottees had approached YEIDA for a solution to the problem.

YEIDA turned to the Uttar Pradesh government, and subsequently, a high-level committee led by the State Minister of Prisons, Rajendra Chaudhary, was formed to find a solution.

The committee had recommended the collection of the additional amount of 64.7% from the plot allottees to pay the farmers.

However, at this point, the allottees, who said they had already paid for the plots, approached the High Court, which held that the change in policy to pay the additional amount was "arbitrary".

YEIDA appealed to the apex court. Setting aside the High Court decision, Justice Gavai observed that the Chaudhary Committee had found a solution when "there was a hanging sword of the entire acquisition being declared unlawful".

The Chaudhary Committee had done a wide range of deliberations with stakeholders, including allottees, farmers and YEIDA. The policy decision was made after taking into consideration all relevant factors.

"It is a settled position of law that in case of a conflict between public interest and personal interest, public interest will outweigh the personal interest," the Supreme Court held.

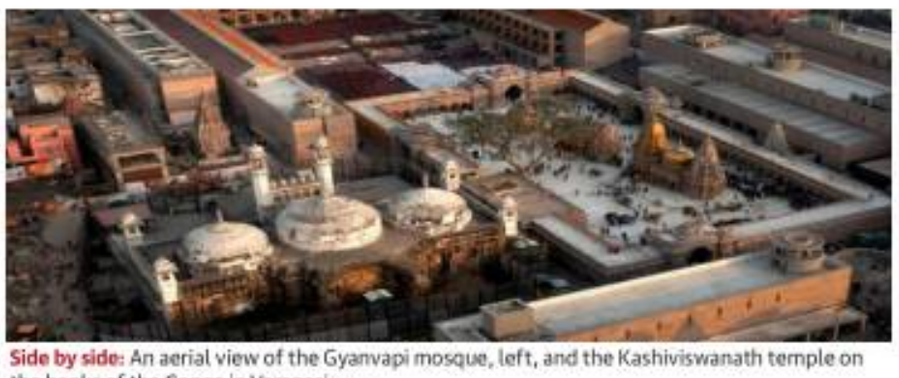
Jamiat moves SC to dismiss plea against Places of Worship Act

The Muslim body wants to intervene in the petition against the 1991 Act

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has moved the Supreme Court seeking the dismissal of a petition which challenges the validity of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, a law which prohibits the conversion of any religious place.

The Muslim body wants to intervene in the petition against the 1991 Act, filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay.



Side by side: An aerial view of the Gyanvapi mosque, left, and the Kashiviswanath temple on the banks of the Ganga in Varanasi. • AP

'Floodgates of litigation'

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind argued that if the petition was entertained, it would open floodgates of litigation against "countless mosques in the country".

"There is a list of numerous mosques which is doing the rounds on social media, alleging that the said mosques were built allegedly by destroying Hindu places of worship... the religious divide from which the country is recovering in the aftermath of the Ayodhya dispute will only be widened," the application said.

Last year, the court asked for the government's response to Mr. Upadhyay's petition, which challenged the provisions in the Act which froze the religious character of a place of worship as it had existed on August 15, 1947.

Mr. Upadhyay had found the cut-off date "arbitrary and irrational", preventing Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs from approaching courts to "re-claim" their places of worship which were "invaded" and "encroached" upon by "fundamentalist barbaric invaders".

Bail denied for student booked for tweets

Fundamental rights not absolute: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday refused to grant bail to a student seeking to quash five first information reports (FIRs) filed against him in different parts of Maharashtra for tweeting objectionable content against Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar.

A Division Bench of Justices S.S. Shinde and M.N. Jadhav was hearing a criminal petition filed by Nikhil Bhamre, 22, seeking to quash FIRs registered under Sections 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, language and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 500 (punishment for defamation), 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation), 505 (statements conducting public mischief) and 501 (printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory) of the Indian Penal Code.

Nikhil Bhamre was arrested for tweeting objectionable content against Sharad Pawar. • VIVEK BENDRE

The court said, "There has to be some responsibility. Every citizen has fundamental rights. But these are subject to restrictions. Fundamental rights are not absolute."

Rahul Gandhi to meet Sidhu Moosewala's family members

Sachin Pilot meets family of murdered singer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi will meet on Tuesday the family of singer Sidhu Moosewala, who was shot dead by unknown assailants on May 29.

Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot paid a visit to the family on Monday.

Mr. Moosewala had joined the Congress ahead of the 2022 Assembly election in Punjab and was the party's candidate for the Mansa seat.

Mr. Gandhi was not in India when the incident happened and has only returned this weekend. He will be accompanied by leaders from Punjab. His visit comes at a time when the senior leadership of the party has been under severe criticism for only paying verbal tributes to Mr. Moosewala, though the State Congress leaders were present at his funeral and met the family.

Senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot offers his condolences to family members of Sidhu Moosewala, at Musa. • PTI

Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Badal had met Mr. Moosewala's parents.

Mr. Pilot's visit was the first trip by a senior Congress leader to Mansa after Mr. Moosewala's death. "There is a lot of concern about the state of affairs in Punjab, which is a border State. The State, in past one month, has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. The cycle of violence which has begun again is disheartening," Mr. Pilot told *The Hindu*. He added that there was a lot of apprehension about what lay ahead.

"From what I can understand, this incident happened to instil fear in people. Drug mafias, terrorists, gangsters are getting a foothold in Punjab. The Centre and the State should hold a thorough probe into the incident," Mr. Pilot added.

He raised questions about the working of the newly elected Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab. "I think there is a certain lack of depth in the functioning of the current government. There have been serious lapses in the past few weeks. Law and order after all is a State subject," he said.

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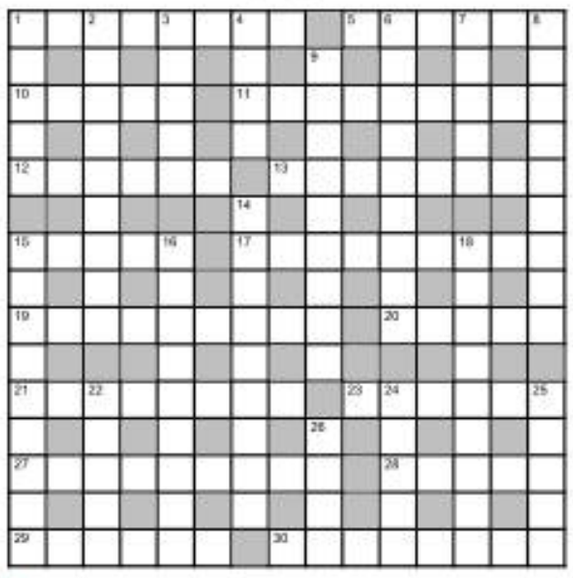

ACROSS

1 Sexually excited? No! (6,2)
5 After removing oar, damaged motorboat's lower part (6)
10 Article missing in yearbook? Cancel! (5)
11 English cat wandering around soldiers has ultimate right. That's law! (9)
12 Undo north-eastern exit (6)
13 Church congregated at Eastern Railway burial ground (8)
15 Boy with the French serving implement (5)
17 Once NATO meet was arranged around 1 (2,3,4)
19 Stubborn alumnus with damaged tins consumed (9)
20 A female deer carries two consecutive letters for author of Robinson Crusoe (5)
21 Bogus stone plant (8)
23 Hunt's European type of support for civil structure (6)
27 Army Service Corps' terminal ward is on the rise (9)
28 Men leaving terminal going around path (5)
29 Some part of Mahathir's territory shows need for water (6)
30 Kind of flour made by grinding acorn and elm (8)

DOWN

1 School transport, for example (5)
2 Rebels exploding grenades around Europe (9)
3 Throw talc with energy and panache (5)
4 More than 6 balls completed (4)
6 Recovering after illness, he-men don't run around (2,3,4)
7 Slithered... slid out at that place (5)
8 Around end of April, the enemy may produce a colourless gas (9)
9 Irritated oracle met tardy attender (9)
14 Empty slots to be filled up and vaccines to be developed around beginning of April (9)
15 Hurry up! Potty king's on returning tram! (4,5)
16 Expatriates sprinted behind English plane with their suitcases at first (9)
18 Anger if tea urn is broken around one (9)
22 CIA is confused about computer code, perhaps (5)
24 After disposal of curio, irritated auctioneer consumed (5)
25 Allah arranged for type of food permitted in Islam (5)
26 Palindromic German chancellor hiding among cottonweeds (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13575

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Bhakti removes hurdles

The Bhagavad Gita reinforces the claim made by the Vedas that no one can know the Supreme Brahman in His entirety. They say that He always remains beyond human thought and speech. Yet humanity has been at this quest to know Him from time immemorial.

In a discourse, Sri B. Sundarkumar drew attention to Krishna's words that echo the same thought when He highlights the difficulties in realising God in the chapter on jnana, knowledge and vijnana, God realisation. In fact, Krishna goes to great lengths to make the distinction between jnana and vijnana. He explains that vijnana happens in perhaps one jivatma among those many thousands who struggle for perfection. Even among those, maybe one really achieves perfection. Even among those who have come to this level, maybe one is able to really know God. But along with this claim He also reveals His boundless compassion when He states that though realising God appears to be a distant dream to many of us, it is possible through pure devotion. .

He classifies those who seek Him on the basis of their specific desires into four broad categories. Some seek relief from distress, some seek wealth and prosperity, and some others knowledge, spiritual or worldly. But some want to remain devoted to Him at all times and seek Him for His sake. But to Him, all those who approach Him, whatever be the goal they seek, are fortunate and are dear to Him. He considers them as His bhaktas.

But devotees such as Prahlada and Dhruva though young in age, realise Him through sheer devotion. He too willingly becomes accessible to their true devotion. So the bhakti of sincere devotees is sure to remove the hurdles to their God realisation.

Boris Johnson faces no-confidence vote

To remain in office, he needs to win the backing of a majority of the 359 Conservative lawmakers

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LONDON

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson will face a no-confidence vote later on Monday that could oust him from power, as discontent with his rule finally threatens to topple a politician who has often seemed invincible despite many scandals.

The leader renowned for his ability to connect with voters has recently struggled to turn the page on revelations that he and his staff repeatedly held boozy parties that flouted the COVID-19 restrictions they imposed on others.

Still, with no clear frontrunner to succeed Mr. Johnson, most political observers think he will defeat the challenge and remain Prime Minister. But the fact that enough lawmakers are demanding a vote represents a watershed moment for him – and a narrow victory would leave him a hobbled leader whose days are likely numbered. It is also a sign of deep Conservative divisions, less than three years after Mr. Johnson led the party to its biggest election victory in decades.

Over to the House: Experts feel that Boris Johnson will overcome the challenge and remain Prime Minister. • AFP

Since then, Mr. Johnson has led Britain out of the EU and through a pandemic, both of which have shaken the U.K. socially and economically. The vote comes as Mr. Johnson's government is under intense pressure to ease the pain of skyrocketing energy and food bills.

Conservative Party official Graham Brady announced on Monday that he had received letters calling for a no-confidence vote from at least 54 Tory legislators, enough to trigger the measure under party rules. He said the vote would take place in the House of Commons on Monday evening, with the result announced soon after.

To remain in office, Mr. Johnson needs to win the backing of a majority of the 359 Conservative lawmakers. If he doesn't, the party will choose a new leader, who will also become Prime Minister.

Mr. Johnson's Downing Street office said the Prime Minister welcomed the vote as "a chance to end months of speculation and allow the government to draw a line and move on, delivering on the people's priorities".

Discontent that has been building for months erupted after a 10-day parliamentary break that included a long weekend of celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. For many, the four-day holiday was a chance to relax – but there was no respite for Mr. Johnson, who was booed by some onlookers as he arrived for a service in the Queen's honour at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday.

Mr. Brady said some lawmakers who submitted no-confidence letters had asked for them to be held back until after the jubilee weekend.

Previous Prime Ministers who survived no-confidence votes emerged severely weakened. Theresa May, for instance, won one in 2018 but never regained her authority and resigned within months, sparking a leadership contest that was won by Mr. Johnson.

A growing number of Conservatives feel that Mr. Johnson is now a liability, after the 'partygate' scandal.

Russia threatens to further push frontlines in Ukraine

'The more weapons you supply, the further we will attack'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Moscow warned on Monday that it would respond to Western supplies of long-range weapons to Ukraine by stepping up efforts to push Kyiv's forces further from its border.

"The more long-range weapons you supply, the further we will push away from our territory", the line of Ukrainian forces, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told reporters.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned that Moscow would hit new targets if the West supplies Ukraine with long-range missiles. Washington and London have defied Mr. Putin's warnings against supplying Kyiv with advanced weapons, saying they would send long-range missile systems to Ukraine.

The U.S. last week announced it would give Kyiv its high mobility artillery rocket system, known as HIMARS, which can simultaneously launch multiple precision-guided missiles and is superior in range and precision to existing systems Ukraine has. Britain said on Monday it will mirror the U.S. and send long-range missile systems to Ukraine.

Ukrainian troops suffered setbacks after retaking parts of flashpoint eastern city Severodonetsk from Russian forces, local officials said on Monday, as the see-saw battle raged on for the strategically important city.

Fighting since April has been concentrated in the east of the country, where Russian forces have made slow but steady advances.

"Fighting is very fierce in Severodonetsk," regional governor Sergiy Gaiday told Ukraine's *1+1 television*. "Our defenders managed to counter-attack and liberate half of the city, but the situation has worsened for us."

Tending to wounds: A woman sitting among the debris of her house in eastern Ukraine on Sunday. • AP

Russian forces "are destroying everything with their usual scorched earth tactics" so that "there's nothing left to defend", he said.

Artillery strikes

Mr. Gaiday said on Sunday that Kyiv's troops had "cleared half of Severodonetsk and are moving forward", after Ukrainian forces earlier appeared on the verge of being driven out of the city.

Artillery strikes have intensified on Severodonetsk and neighbouring city Lysychansk.

Lysychansk was among areas visited on Sunday by President Volodymyr Zelensky, who "got himself acquainted with the operational situation on the front line of defence", the presidency said.

In Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Monday blasted European countries for blocking his plane from travelling to Serbia, saying: "The unthinkable has happened".

"This was a deprivation of a sovereign state of the right to carry out foreign policy," Mr. Lavrov told an online press conference in Moscow after several of Serbia's neighbours prevented his plane from passing through their airspace.

Mr. Lavrov had been due to hold talks with top officials in Belgrade, one of Moscow's few remaining allies in Europe since the launch of its military offensive in Ukraine.

Serbian daily *Vecernje Novosti* reported that Bulgaria, Macedonia and Montenegro had refused access to their airspace.

While Serbia has condemned Russia's military action in Ukraine, it has not joined the European Union in imposing sanctions in Moscow, despite its bid to join the bloc.

Ukraine's President said Russian troops intended to capture Zaporizhzhia, a large city in the country's southeast, which would allow the Russian military to advance closer to the center of the country.

Volodymyr Zelensky told a news conference on Monday that peace talks with Russia stood at "level zero," and in the meantime "the most threatening situation" has developed in the Zaporizhzhia region, parts of which have already been taken by Russia.

Bangladesh depot accused over blast

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SITAKUNDA

Bangladesh authorities accused a container depot operator on Monday of not telling firefighters about a chemical stockpile before it exploded with devastating consequences, killing at least 49 people – nine of them from the fire service.

Some containers were still smouldering on Monday, more than 36 hours after the explosion, preventing rescuers from checking the area around them for victims. Around a dozen of the 300 injured were in critical condition, and were flown to the capital Dhaka.

Act prudently, China tells Australia

Beijing warns Canberra of 'serious consequences' after jet interception

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

Beijing on Monday warned Australia to "act prudently" or face "serious consequences" after Canberra accused a Chinese fighter jet of dangerously intercepting one of its spy planes over the South China Sea.

Australia has argued it is not unusual for it to undertake surveillance flights in the South China Sea – a region Beijing insists comes under its domain despite a 2016 Hague ruling that dismissed its claims.

China's stance has heightened tensions with the United States and its allies, which insist on freedom of navigation in the area.

Zhao Lijian

Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles said on Sunday that a Chinese J-16 fighter intercepted a P-8 surveillance aircraft late last month, in a "dangerous" manoeuvre that put the safety of the Australian Defence Force crew at risk.

But Beijing hit back on Monday, saying it would "never allow any country to infringe upon China's sovereignty and security... under the pretext of freedom of navigation".

"China once again urges Australia to earnestly respect China's national security interests and core interests, act and speak prudently to avoid a miscalculation occurring that results in serious consequences," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told reporters.

The incident comes three months after Australia accused the Chinese military of shining a military-grade laser at one of Canberra's defence planes over waters north of Australia.

Abiding rules

Mr. Zhao said on Monday that China's military has always conducted operations in a "safe, standard and professional manner" in line with international law.

Last week, Canada also accused Chinese pilots of nearly causing a mid-air collision during recent encounters in international airspace as the Canadians took part in efforts to enforce UN sanctions on North Korea.

Albanese rides bike with Indonesia President

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JAKARTA

Australia's new Prime Minister and Indonesia's President rode bamboo bicycles together on Monday as they held talks to boost ties, with Canberra embarking on a diplomatic charm offensive aimed at countering China's growing assertiveness in the region.

Anthony Albanese hailed relations with Indonesia and vowed to strengthen them on his first bilateral trip since being elected last month.

"Australia's relationship with Indonesia is one of our most important. We are linked not just by geography, we are linked by choice," Mr. Albanese said in a joint press conference held after talks.

"Our relationship is ever-deepened by the strategic and economic interests we share," he added, saying Indonesia was on course to become one of the five biggest economies in the world.

Mr. Widodo said good relations between the two would contribute to "the peace and prosperity of the region".

Iran to face censure amid stalled talks

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
VIENNA

Major European countries and the United States are expected to seek to censure Iran as the UN atomic watchdog started meeting on Monday with talks to revive the 2015 nuclear deal stalled.

The resolution drafted by the United States, Britain, France and Germany is a sign of their growing impatience as diplomats warn the window to save the landmark agreement is closing.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors meets on Monday through Friday in Vienna.

If the resolution urging Iran to "cooperate fully" with the IAEA is adopted, it will be the first motion censuring Iran since June 2020.

In a report late last month, the IAEA said it still had questions that were "not clarified" regarding traces of enriched uranium previously found at three sites, which Iran had not declared as having hosted nuclear activities.

Kazakh leader scores victory with referendum

REUTERS
NUR-SULTAN

Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev will be hoping the approval in a referendum of constitutional amendments he championed will help him move out of his predecessor's shadow and cement his role as a long-awaited reformer.

Vote results on Monday showed convincing support in the previous day's vote for the amendments that Mr. Tokayev has promoted as a foundation for a more democratic social contract in the oil-rich Central Asian country allied with Russia.

The Central Election Commission said that 77.18% of votes were in favour of the amendments, which decentralise decision-making and strip former leader Nursultan Nazarbayev of his "national leader" status. Turnout was 68.06%.

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"e" Procurement Notice No. 04 /OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)

On-line percentage rate tenders are invited for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Approx Value of work (Rs. In lakhs)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (on-line)	Submission of Tender (on-line)
01	Execution of Earth Dam from RD 1610 Mtr to RD 1950 Mtr. of Kanupur Irrigation Project (River Gap Closing)	OCCL-KSP/ 01/2022-23	Rs.4238.63 Lakhs	09 (Nine) calendar months	From 09.06.2022, 12.30 PM to 29.06.2022 5.30 PM	From 09.06.2022, 12.30 PM to 29.06.2022 5.30 PM

Procurement Officer – Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid: 30.06.2022, 12.00 Noon
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in
CAD-732 — MANAGING DIRECTOR — OIPR-34120/11/0005/2223

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No. SPPH/A-II/Adv/2022/ 833 दिनांक/Date: 07.06.2022
मुहरबंद निविदाएं निम्नलिखित वस्तु(ओं)/सेवाओं की खरीद के लिए पात्र और योग्य निविदाकर्ताओं से आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं : Sealed tenders are invited from eligible and qualified tenderers for the following items :
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना /Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

क्र.सं./ Sl. No.	माल/सेवाएँ का संक्षिप्त विवरण Brief Description of Goods / Services.	निविदा सं. Tender no.	मात्रा Quantity	निविदाओं की प्राप्ति के लिए तारीख और बंद करने का समय/ Closing date and time for receipt of tenders
1.	Procurement of Table Top Rewinder with VDP Inspection	6000017554	2 Nos.	08-07-2022 At 10:45 AM (IST)
2.	Renovation of Building terrace and construction of conference hall	6000017565	1 AU	

आगे विवरण हेतु, कृपया हमारा वेबसाईट: http://spphyderabad.spmcil.com. देखें और किसी संशोधन/शुद्धि–पत्र वेबसाईट पर ही प्रकाशित किया जाएगा/For further details, please visit our website at http://spphyderabad.spmcil.com & amendment / corrigendum if any, will be published on website only.
हस्ता / Sd/- Manager (Materials) & CPSO (For Chief General Manager)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SE(E)/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-2/F-T6/2021-22/1200 Dated: 04.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites Bids against Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/66kV CTs/EPR-680/dtd: 03.06.2022 (CALL-4) for "Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 17 nos. of 66 KV Class Current Transformers (0.2 Accuracy), 31.5kA Rating of ratio. (1) 400-200/1-1-1A: 14 Nos. (2)1000-800-600/1-1-1A: 3 Nos. (with Marshalling Boxes and without Mounting Structures) confirming to KPTCL Technical specification F.O.R.D at store/site basis including insurance, transportation and unloading on Two-Part Basis. (CALL-4)".

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the above tenders can be had by logging on to https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyper link 'e-procurement-KPTCL' or to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 08.06.2022.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (E), Transmission (M), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru – 560 024. Telefax: 080-23415347.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01
Telephone No. 080-22133370, Fax No. 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Short term Tender Notification No. 06/2022-23 Dtd: 06.06.2022

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.1 South Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure. Tender Notification are Published for 02 work (Rs. 25.90 and 60.00 Lakhs) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.** Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-portal portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: 06.06.2022 onwards.
2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16:00 hours on dated **13.06.2022**
3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **14.06.2022 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate. For more details contact this office.
For more details can be had from e-procurement portal (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.
DIPR/CP/788/Zenkar/2022-23

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Bangalore - 560012.
Advertisement No. R(HR)Temp-11(AFMM)/2022
Applications are invited for 01 position of **Facility Manager** in the Advanced Facility for Microscopy and Microanalysis (AFMM) at the Institute.
Last Date of Application: **27.06.2022**
For further details, visit our web site at **https://iisc.ac.in/positions-open/**
Date: 07.06.2022 **Sd/-, REGISTRAR**

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)
RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)
BESCOM invites tenders for Enquiry No: BESCOM/GM(A&HR)/BC-50/2505/02/2022-23 from the reputed agencies for providing **Manpower Services to various offices of BESCOM** for a period of ONE year.
Issue of Bid Documents: **07.06.2022 @ 16:00 hrs.** Due Date for submission of Bid Document: **15.06.2022** upto **16:00 hrs.** Opening of Bid Document: **17.06.2022** at **11:00 hrs**. The Tender documents can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. All clarifications about e-payment contact e-procurement helpdesk.
For Tender related queries call: **080 22258788**
Sd/-
For Electricity related complaints call: 1912 Download "BESCOM Mithra" Mobile APP
The General Manager (A&HR), Corporate Office, K.R. Circle

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
JALABHAVAN, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore -29
Phone : 080-41106508, Fax : 080-26539206/41106504.
e-mail : cemkwb@gmail.com | Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Electronic Procurement portal only)
Lumpsum Tender for the following work is invited (two tender document system) through e-Procurement portal (**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria as detailed below.
No. KWB/TEC/CE D&M/TA-4/AE.MIS/KLR OHT/ 391 /2022-23 Dt. 03-06-2022. e-Proc. Indent No.: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT 3158
Name of the work: Construction of 3 numbers of 5.0 lakh litres Capacity and 1 No. of 10.0 lakh litres Capacity Shaft Type Over Head Tanks on 15.0 Mtr staging, Providing and laying of DI feeder mains and Providing and laying of HDPE and DI connecting and distribution pipelines to link proposed OHTs with existing distribution system in Kolar City under Providing water supply scheme to Kolar city, Malur and Bangarpet towns and 45 en-route villages with Yargol dam as source under UIDSSMT - **Lumpsum Tender. Approximate Amount put to tender:** Rs. 12,21,78,598/-, **E.M.D:** Rs. 18,33,000/- Tender Processing Fee : **As per e-procurement Portal.** Stipulated period for completion of works:**11 Months (including monsoon).**
Calender of Events : 1) Date and time for commencement of downloading of tender document from the e-procurement portal: **07.06.2022 after 11:30 hours.** 2) Last date and time for seeking clarifications / queries: **14.06.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs**. 3) Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting: **14.06.2022 at 11:30 Hrs**. 4) Last date and time for receipt of tenders in the e-procurement portal : **22.06.2022 upto 17:30 Hrs**. 5) Date & Time of Opening of the Technical bids : **24.06.2022 after 11:00 Hrs.**
For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer (D&M), KUWS & D Board, Bengaluru may please be contacted or website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or e-Procurement helpdesk +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777, email support: support@eprochelpdesk.com
Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER (D&M),
DIPR/CP/Jagadale Advertising/788/2022-23 KUWS & D Board, Bengaluru
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MARKET WATCH

	06-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,675	-0.17
US Dollar	77.66	–
Gold	50,908	-0.64
Brent oil	119.09	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	741.25	1.35
Apollo Hosp	3633.70	44.90
Asian Paints	2817.45	-69.45
Axis Bank	672.20	-5.10
Bajaj Auto	3817.00	144.30
Bajaj Finserv	12516.40	-175.20
Bajaj Finance	6021.00	-7.20
Bharti Airtel	682.95	-3.55
BPCL	319.35	-8.80
Britannia Ind	3491.95	-38.05
Cipla	976.05	15.10
Coal India	194.85	-2.15
Divis Lab	3499.65	21.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4305.75	-34.25
Eicher Motors	2653.10	-32.15
Grasim Ind	1326.70	-12.75
HCL Tech	1037.30	-5.70
HDFC	2274.00	-3.35
HDFC Bank	1378.45	-1.85
HDFC Life	606.10	3.40
Hero MotoCorp	2540.75	-43.00
Hindalco	409.15	2.40
Hind Unilever	2280.50	-11.45
ICICI Bank	746.75	2.45
Indusind Bank	928.75	4.45
Infosys	1530.05	8.35
ITC	274.80	2.10
JSW Steel	579.00	16.55
Kotak Bank	1869.30	10.65
L&T	1640.20	-11.85
M&M	1035.95	7.10
Maruti Suzuki	7710.55	5.50
Nestle India Ltd.	16996.90	-174.10
NTPC	155.20	0.20
ONGC	153.95	2.35
PowerGrid Corp	224.80	-1.20
Reliance Ind	2767.55	-11.95
SBI Life	1142.00	0.85
State Bank	463.70	-0.80
Shree Cement	20002.70	-635.30
Sun Pharma	859.80	-5.30
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	763.65	9.75
Tata Motors	432.35	0.45
Tata Steel	1078.10	10.80
TCS	3430.95	-9.20
Tech Mahindra	1144.20	-3.70
Titan	2198.55	-5.85
UltraTech Cement	5581.35	-97.50
UPL	779.00	9.35
Wipro	473.20	-2.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.43	77.75
Euro	83.06	83.41
British Pound	97.23	97.63
Japanese Yen (100)	59.27	59.51
Chinese Yuan	11.66	11.71
Swiss Franc	80.49	80.86
Singapore Dollar	56.38	56.62
Canadian Dollar	61.63	61.88
Malaysian Ringitt	17.64	17.72
Australian Dollar	55.86	56.10

Source: Indian Bank

'Policy certainty, transparency critical for asset monetisation'

CEA says regulatory framework needs to remain consistent and predictable

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran on Monday said policy stability and transparency were critical to ensuring the success of the government's asset monetisation effort. He separately flagged the hurdles to making a switch away from fossil fuels and highlighted the constraints, both fiscal and in terms of supply of raw materials like metals and minerals, to meeting this key global challenge.

While the National Infrastructure Pipeline envisages creating physical infrastructure to support economic growth of 7% and above, Mr. Nageswaran said asset monetisation was not just about garnering revenues for the government but also ensuring the economic efficiency of these assets by returning them to productive use.

Global watchdog: A global regulator is needed if all nations are to progress to net-zero emissions. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Noting that regulatory consistency, clarity and predictability and a certain sense of stability in the regulatory framework were very important, the CEA said these had "been somewhat variable in the past".

"So that gives an element of uncertainty for investors and even the government. Policy stability, consistency and transparency... is what would make a very big difference between a success and a not so successful programme," he added.

The CEA also emphasised the need for greater investments in metals and minerals for renewable energy technologies.

"We have to have an international regulator to be able to ensure that they are available to all countries if we want all countries to progress to net-zero emissions... at the same time," he added.

May auto retail sales still stuck below pre-COVID levels: FADA

PVs surpass May 2019 sales as segment sees 'huge demand'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Total automobile retail sales aggregated to 16,46,773 units last month, trailing the 18,22,900 units dealers sold in May 2019, data from the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) show. In May 2021, sales had plunged to 5,36,795 units in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic-related curbs.

"Auto retail has still not recovered from the jitters of COVID," FADA said in a statement. "When compared with May '19, total vehicle retail was down by 10%. Except PVs (passenger vehicles) and tractors, which continue to show growth of 11% and 33%, all the other categories like two-wheelers, three-wheelers and commercial vehicles (CV) fell by 14%, 19% and 11%, respectively," it added.

Last month, PV retail sales rose to 2,63,152 units, 11% higher than May 2019 figures. Sales in the segment in May of 2021 and 2020 – both months saw COVID-related disruptions – amounted to 86,479 units and 31,951 units, respectively.

'Higher waiting period'

"The PV segment, which has already surpassed May '19 numbers, is witnessing huge demand," FADA president Vinkesh Gulati said.

"Dealers are not able to fulfil the same due to supply-side issues. This has not only led to an increase in waiting period (ranging from 3 months to 2 years) but is also keeping the customers frustrated. Healthy booking and single-digit cancellation show that demand may stay put even when normal supply resumes in months to come," he pointed out.

Bad bank to kick off NPA takeover in July: FinMin

'Due diligence of accounts underway'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The NARCL is intended to resolve stressed loans of about ₹2 lakh cr.

The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL), set up to take over large bad loans of more than ₹500 crore from banks, will pick up the first set of such non-performing assets (NPAs) in July, the Finance Ministry said on Monday.

The NARCL, which will acquire the bad loans from banks, and the India Debt Resolution Company Ltd. – which will then manage these assets and seek to enhance their value – have secured necessary approvals and permissions.

The boards of both entities, including the managing directors, are now in place, the Ministry said. "With the account-wise due diligence nearing completion, the first set of accounts is expected to be transferred during July 2022," it said in a statement after a review by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. "The remaining accounts are proposed to be taken over within the third quarter of the current financial year," it added

The NARCL, announced in the Budget for 2021-22, is intended to resolve stressed loans of ₹2 lakh crore, of which fully provisioned assets of about ₹90,000 crore are expected to be transferred to it in the first phase.

Musk warns of dropping Twitter deal

REUTERS

Elon Musk on Monday warned that he might walk away from his $44 billion offer to acquire Twitter Inc if the social media network failed to provide data on spam and fake accounts.

In a letter to Twitter, the billionaire reiterated his request for details on bot accounts and said he reserved all rights to terminate the merger as the company was in a "clear material breach" of its obligations by not providing him with the information. Twitter shares fell as much as 5.6% to $37.92 and were trading at a steep discount to Mr. Musk's offer of $54.20 per share, suggesting that investors did not expect the deal to close at the agreed price.

'Power deficit may persist as thermal capacity lags demand'

Stressed projects, focus on renewables triggering gap: BofA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Power shortages are likely to continue in the short to medium term on rising demand in the peak season and the persisting supply-demand mismatch, according to a foreign brokerage, which attributed the recurring annual crisis to the slower thermal capacity addition in the past few years.

Thermal capacity addition has lagged power demand that grew steadily at 4% annually between FY10 and FY19 as against thermal capacity addition which rose only 9% in this period.

Capacity addition dipped to about 2% between FY19 and FY22 when demand

jumped 5%. Thermal power accounts for about 75% of India's total power generation.

The mismatch had been due to multiple stressed projects and the focus on renewable energy, Bank of America (BofA) Securities said in a report on Monday.

Besides, harsh seasons and higher economic activity had raised the peak power deficit to 1.3% from 0.4% in FY21. With new capacity expansion to take 2-3 years and renewables generation limited to 10-11% on lower plant load factors, BofA said power shortages and coal demand spikes in the peak season could continue.

As the Centre was trying to address the crisis with the resolution of stressed capacity and raising coal supplies via imports, lenders were in for good times, it said.

Seven projects worth 9.3 GW and debt of ₹45,200 crore are undergoing insolvency resolution; and 10 projects of 10.5 GW and debt of ₹37,200 crore are likely to be liquidated.

LIC shares fall for fifth straight day

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Shares of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) continued to fall for the fifth day running on Monday and further declined by almost 3%, dragging its market valuation below the ₹5-lakh crore mark.

The stock fell 2.86% to ₹777.40 apiece on the BSE.

On the NSE, it declined 2.96% to ₹776.50 apiece.

The stock has been falling for the past five days, declining 7.12% in the period.

LIC had fixed the issue price of its shares at ₹949 apiece after a successful IPO, which was subscribed close to three times when it closed on May 9. From its issue price, the stock is now lower by 18%.

IN BRIEF

Centre releases ₹7,183 cr. as grants to 14 States

NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Monday released revenue deficit grants of ₹7,183.4 crore to 14 States as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission. This is the third monthly instalment of the total grant worth ₹86,201 crore recommended by the commission for 2022-23.

Century-old TMB gets SEBI nod to float IPO

CHENNAI

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, one of the oldest private sector banks in the country, has received the nod and final observations from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its proposed initial public offering (IPO). The IPO of the bank, which has a history of 100 years, comprises a fresh issue of 1,58,27,495 equity shares and an offer-for-sale of up to 12,505 equity shares by selling shareholders.

Tata Motors to supply 10,000 EVs to BluSmart

MUMBAI

Tata Motors said it had signed an agreement with BluSmart Electric Mobility for delivering 10,000 XPRES-T EV cabs to the company. "This deployment of 10,000 units makes it the biggest ever EV fleet order in India," the automaker said in a statement. With deliveries starting soon, these vehicles would be in addition to the 3,500 XPRES-T EV order signed by both companies in October last year, it added.

'Fiscal spend, investment push will back growth'

NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday that India's economic growth will continue to be supported by fiscal spending and an investment push, in order to impart momentum to the economy 'based on the idea of growth at the macro level complemented by all-inclusive welfare at micro level'. The FM was speaking at the second meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

India has become more strategic about trade: Tai

'Will engage with intentionality at WTO'

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
WASHINGTON DC

With just over a week to go before the World Trade Organisation (WTO) holds its 12th ministerial conference (MC12), U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai said that she expects India to be engaging with "intentionality" at the conference. Ms. Tai was responding to a question at an event organised by the Washington International Trade Association (WITA) and Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) that sought her opinion on the view that India 'did not have a great track record in bringing success to ministerials'.

"Now, India knows its own mind. India has a complex place in the world order to put it diplomatically," Ms. Tai said, adding that India was becoming more strategic with regard to trade. "In terms of India's approach to trade and to the WTO, what I see is an increasingly strategic India when it comes to trade, and so, I am confident that India will be engaging with intentionality," she remarked.

Katherine Tai

'War queers pitch'

Ms. Tai said Russia's invasion of Ukraine had made trade interactions at large forums all the more complex.

The U.S., she stressed, was working "really hard" to make its trade relationship with India "effective and productive".

TRIPS waiver

There are a number of big ticket items on the table at the MC12 in Geneva, including a TRIPS (Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights) waiver for COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics - India and South Africa had proposed this initiative in October 2020. China has suggested it would not seek to be part of the waiver. The U.S. has wanted China's exclusion written into the deal, Bloomberg had reported in May, rather than relying on Beijing voluntarily staying out of it.

'China's stand'

When asked on Monday about the U.S. reaction to Beijing's offer, Ms. Tai said one of the things she was considering was 'whether China would stick by the words it spoke or the words that it had signed up to'.

"I am also interested in seeing who does China send to Geneva," she said, emphasising that WTO Directer General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala had called for the active participation of ministers at the meeting.

Other issues of importance to India in the MC12 context, include ending the moratorium on customs duty for e-commerce trade.

Duty on e-commerce

India wants customs duties applied to e-commerce and, along with other developing countries, has said that the moratorium, which has been in effect since 1998 (via periodic extensions) , has adversely impacted developing countries in terms of lost revenues .

India has also had reservations with a fisheries subsidies agreement, emphasising that it would support a pact at the WTO only if it was equitable and did not permanently disadvantage some countries.

'PLI will spur faster growth of auto sector'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The introduction of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme will enable the automobile industry to move to higher value-added products, Sundram Fasteners Ltd. (SFL) said in its annual report for FY22.

The company said the incentive scheme was expected to 'trigger faster growth' and was expected to help India 'leapfrog' over parts of the global supply chain' and 'promote' job opportunities.

The electric vehicle (EV) segment had seen a 'spectacular increase' this year, it said. With the support from public investment, the PLI scheme was also expected to spur capital expenditure by the private sector.

SCL mulls rejig, seeks to unlock value

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundaram-Clayton Ltd. (SCL) has proposed to reorganise and segregate the businesses of manufacturing non-ferrous gravity and pressure die castings from its other businesses.

In the annual report for 2022, chairman R. Gopalan said given SCL's diversified business, it had also 'become imperative to reorient and reorganise the company in a manner that allows greater focus on each of its businesses'.

Segregation and unbundling would also further unlock value for shareholders, he said.

He added that after the scheme of amalgamation and arrangement with the TVS group, TVS Holdings Pvt. Ltd. had become the holding firm of SCL.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENTS

The General Public is hereby informed that, **SRI K. NASEER**, aged about 62 years, son of late M Khader Bacha, residing at No. 6/1, 4th Cross, Al-Hadiya, Saraswathipuram, 25 Feet Road, near Corporation Community Hall, Halasur, Bengaluru-560008, who is the sole and absolute owner of Property being the **Southern Portion** of residential **Site bearing No. 97** having **PID No. 588/598/616/97/1**, carved out of Survey No. 86/2, 3 and 4 duly converted for residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No. BDIS.ALN: SR(S).306/92-93 dated 28.12.1993, in the layout known as **GREEN GLEN**, measuring East to West: 101 feet and North to South: (29.7×26.10)/2 feet, in all measuring **2018 sq. Ft** along with a residential building standing thereon consisting of still, ground, first, second and terrace floor consisting of 4 units having a total built up area of **634.06 sq mtrs**, has lost / misplaced the following Original Documents pertaining to the said property and the same are not traceable till date

1.Sale Deed dated 07.09.1995 executed by Smt. Sharadamma in favour of Sri Konikkattu Sashidaran registered as Doc. No. 5114/95-96, Book I, Volume- 4268 at pages 64 to 70.

2.Rectification Deed dated 24.06.2003 executed by Smt. Sharadamma in favour of Sri Konikkattu Sashidaran registered as Doc. No. 5988/2003-04, Book I, C.D. No.112.

The above 2 documents are with respect to Site No. 97 measuring 6325 sq.ft. registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

3.Sale Deed dated 30.06.2003 executed by Sri Konikkattu Sashidaran in favour of Sri Bejoy Satheesh, son of Sri Satheeshan R, in respect of half undivided share, right, title and interest in Site No. 97, registered as Document No. 6688/2003-04, Book I, C.D. No.112 at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

4.Specific Power of Attorney dated 11.06.2012 executed by Ms. Shyama Sasidharan, daughter of Sri Konikkattu Sasidharan in favour of her father Sri Konikkattu Sasidharan registered as Document No. 120/2012-13, Book IV at the office of the Sub-Registrar,

5.Agreement to Sell dated 28.06.2012 entered into between Ms. Shyama Sasidharan with Sri K. Naseer, for sale of the aforementioned property stamped for Rs. 9000- vide Certificate No.28722/11-12

A Lost Article Report No.0237155/2022 dated 03-06-2022 has been filed online with the Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police in this regard.

Any person in possession of the above referred original documents may kindly handover the same to the undersigned.

Except **Mr. K Naseer** no other person/s has/have any share, right, title, interest and ownership over the aforesaid immovable property.

Any person or persons dealing with the aforesaid property other than **Mr. K. Naseer** shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequence.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
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Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal from reputed agencies/ firms/ organisations/ contractors for the following works: **1) KPCL/2022-23/PM/WORK_ INDENT 12388, dt: 24.05.2022** Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of soft starter for Air Washer Fan of Unit - 1, 2 and 4. **2) KPCL/2022-23/EL/ WORK_ INDENT 12421, dt: 31.05.2022** Painting and replacing of rubber gasket and broken panel door locks of electrical panes at switchgear and MCC rooms including all HV Rectifier Transformer of Unit - 1 to 4 of RTPS. **3) KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12424, dt: 31.05.2022** Design, Fabrication, supply and replacement of broken covers of control panel of wall blowers and Power Junction boxes of Unit - 1 to 4 of RTPS. Last date for receipt of tenders: For Sl. No. 1: **09.06.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2 & 3: **15.06.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in the e-portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer(LT)-1**, KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar - 584 170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96537, E-mail: eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in ; eelt1rtps@gmail.com

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A make-or-break week for Nadal after Paris high

Having played through pain, the Spaniard seeks a permanent cure for a foot injury that has put his career on the line

Paris monument: Nadal's 14th French crown came 17 years to the day since he claimed his first. •AP

FRENCH OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Rafael Nadal won a 14th French Open with daily pain-killing injections in his troublesome left foot and will now attempt to find a permanent cure for the injury, warning his record-breaking career is on the line.

Nadal, 36, routed Casper Ruud 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in Sunday's final at Roland-Garros to extend his Grand Slam title record to 22, with victory coming 17 years to the day since he claimed his first French Open as a 19-year-old in 2005.

Nagging injury

The oldest winner in Paris, he had not been certain of taking part after a chronic left foot injury, which has plagued him throughout his career, flared up again.

In the aftermath of Sunday's victory, Nadal revealed he and his medical team are facing a potentially make-or-break week.

Seeking an improvement

"It's obvious that with circumstances that I am playing, I can't and I don't want to keep going. I'm going to keep working to try to find a solution and an improvement for what's happening in the foot," said Nadal.

Nadal said that taking anaesthetic injections in the nerves in his foot was the only way he could have got through the French Open. Now his medical team will attempt to burn the nerves using a technique which he described as "radio frequency injections".

"If it works, I keep going. If not, it will be another story and I will ask myself if I am ready to do a major surgery which may not guarantee I will be competitive and may take a long time to be back."

With Wimbledon just three weeks away, Nadal is facing a race against time.

He was champion at the All England Club in 2008 and 2010. Should he win the title again, he would be three-quarters of the way to a first men's calendar Grand Slam since 1969.

Wimbledon is 50-50

"I love Wimbledon. So if you ask me if I will be in Wimbledon, I can't give you a clear answer. Let's see how the treatment works," he said.

"If I am able to play with anti-inflammatories, yes; to play with anaesthetic injections, no. I don't want to put myself in that position again."

Sable rewrites his National mark again

ATHLETICS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
RABAT

India's Avinash Sable finished a creditable fifth at the prestigious Diamond League Meet here and in the process shattered his own 3000m steeplechase National record for the eighth time.

The 27-year-old clocked 8:12.48s in a high-quality field late on Sunday night, shaving off more than three seconds from his previous mark of 8:16.21, set during the Indian Grand Prix at Thiruvananthapuram in March.

Sable first broke the National mark in 2018 when he clocked 8:29.80 at the National inter-State championships to erase the then 37-year-old time of 8:30.88 set by Gopal Saini.

Last month, Sable smashed the 5000m National record at a meet in the USA, clocking 13 minutes and 25.65 seconds, bettering Bahadur Prasad's 13:29.70s set in Birmingham in 1992.

Sable... simply superb. TWITTER/AFINDIA

The results: Men's 3000m steeplechase: 1. Soufiane El Bakkali (Mar) 7:58.28s; Lamecha Girma (Eth) 7:59.24, 3. Hailemariyam Tegegn (Eth) 8:06.29; 5. Avinash Sable 8:12.48.

Pretorius in awe of Dhoni

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

South African all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius feels the T20 series against India offers a good benchmark for his side in its preparation for the World T20 in Australia later this year.

"I think India has a very strong T20 side. We also have come a very long way and have a very strong T20 side as well. Obviously, if we do well, we can measure ourselves against one of the best teams in T20 cricket, to see where we are and what we need to work on before we get to the World Cup," said Pretorius at a press conference on Monday.

On his personal goals for the series, the 33-year-old remarked, "to test oneself as a player against some of the best T20 players in the world. It is something that I would like to pride myself on. Will push myself hard and strive to make a good impact so that we can win the series. It is very important that we win and get a positive momentum, going into the World Cup."

Pretorius, who made his IPL debut with Chennai Super Kings this season, said it was not only a thing ticked off his bucket list but he also learnt a lot from playing under M.S. Dhoni.

Dhoni and Pretorius. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

"The biggest thing that I learned from him is how calm he is at the crease and how much he tries to take pressure off himself and tries to put it on the bowler.

"He doesn't get too excited, is very optimistic, and believes anything is possible. I love that about him. I am going to try and bring that into my game, not only the calmness but also the self-belief that a game can be won from any position."

Bucking the trend

The victory against New Zealand at Lord's on Sunday was England's third in its last 19 Tests. Incidentally, the other two came against India

England's chart (Feb. 5, 2021 to June 5, 2022)

	M	W	L	D
Total	19	3	11	5
Home	7	2	3	2
Away	12	1	8	3

ENGLAND CRICKET

	Opponent	Venue	Result
2021			
February	India	Chennai	*Won*
February	India	Chennai	*Lost*
February	India	Ahmedabad	*Lost*
March	India	Ahmedabad	*Lost*
June	New Zealand	Lord's	*Drawn*
June	New Zealand	Birmingham	*Lost*
August	India	Nottingham	*Drawn*
August	India	Lord's	*Lost*
August	India	Leeds	*Won*
September	India	The Oval	*Lost*
December	Australia	Brisbane	*Lost*
December	Australia	Adelaide	*Lost*
December	Australia	Melbourne	*Lost*
2022			
January	Australia	Sydney	*Drawn*
January	Australia	Hobart	*Lost*
March	West Indies	North Sound	*Drawn*
March	West Indies	Bridgetown	*Drawn*
March	West Indies	St. George's	*Lost*
June	New Zealand	Lord's	*Won*

Root's influence in the three victories: 218 & 40 (Chennai), 121 (Leeds), 11 & 115 n.o. (Lord's)

"It was a fantastic game of cricket, finely balanced throughout. It took an incredible innings from an amazing player to get them across the line"
KANE WILLIAMSON, NZ SKIPPER ON ROOT

"Joe and I are very close, we're not just work colleagues. To see him walk off there, leading the team to victory and seeing the emotion of pure joy and happiness, was amazing"
BEN STOKES, ENGLAND CAPTAIN

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

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Guru Sai Dutt retires

Says he will remain in the sport as a coach

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Former Commonwealth Games bronze medallist shuttler R.M.V. Guru Sai Dutt announced his retirement on Monday.

"It is with teary eyes that I type this to share with you all the news that I am retiring from the sport I love the most. I have played for over two decades with utmost discipline and to the best of my abilities each time I got on court," said the 32-year-old who finished third at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Unconditional support

"It has been an honour to represent the country. I would like to thank my parents, sister Navya Manuri and all the well-wishers for their unconditional love and support over the years," said Guru Sai Dutt, who was also the gold medallist at the 2008 Pune Commonwealth Youth Games.

"However, I am glad that I will still remain with the sport and begin my next phase of the career in coaching as a part of the national team. I look forward to this new journey with my life partner Amulya," he said.

Guru Sai Dutt. •FILE PHOTO: V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

Another paddler challenges his omission

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The chaos over the selection of the Indian table tennis team for the Commonwealth Games deepened on Monday after the CoA informed the players that the squad it announced last week was not final even as another paddler challenged his omission in the Delhi High Court.

The CoA had announced an eight-member squad in Bengaluru, with the women's team subject to clearance from the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Diya Chitale, who was named as standby, filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court challenging her exclusion and now Manush Shah, who was named as a reserve in the men's team, has done the same.

"We filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court today. The hearing is on June 10 alongside Diya's matter," said Manush's father Utpah Shah.

IN BRIEF

Aussies stick with winning formula

COLOMBO

Australia has picked three pacemen for the first T20I against Sri Lanka on Tuesday, hoping its World Cup-winning formula will work again. With conditions in Colombo likely to suit fast bowlers, Kane Richardson is recalled for the rested Pat Cummins and joins Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood in the attack. AFP

Afghanistan seals series

HARARE

Ibrahim Zadran's unbeaten 120 took Afghanistan to an eight-wicket win and an unassailable 2-0 lead against Zimbabwe in the ODI series. **The scores:** Zimbabwe 228 in 50 overs (Innocent Kaia 63) lost to Afghanistan 229/2 in 44.3 overs (Ibrahim Zadran 120 n.o., Rahmat Shah 88).

De Grandhomme out of rest of England series

LONDON

All-rounder Colin de Grandhomme has been ruled out of the remainder of New Zealand's Test series against England with a heel injury. He has been replaced by Michael Bracewell. AFP

Saina, Kashyap & Prannoy pull out of Indonesia Open

JAKARTA

Saina Nehwal and P. Kashyap, along with India's Thomas Cup hero H.S. Prannoy, made late pullouts from the Indonesian Open Super Series 500 event beginning here on Tuesday. Saina cited workload management while Kashyap is yet to regain fitness. Prannoy withdrew in order to focus on the next four events on the Tour. PTI

Anand outwits Carlsen again

Leads the field with 10 points, half a point ahead of Carlsen

NORWAY CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

After dealing with the disappointment of letting Magnus Carlsen off the hook in their classical time-format game, Viswanathan Anand returned to pull off a 50-move win in the tie-breaking Armageddon game in the 2022 Norway Chess tournament in Stavanger on Sunday.

With four rounds to go, Anand led the field with 10 points, half a point ahead of Carlsen. In what was their 71st classical game, Anand held the whip until the 31st move but faltered twice in succession and Carlsen seized his moment to escape with a 40-move draw.

After winning the Armageddon game from the white side in 50 moves, with Carlsen blundering his knight in a lost position, Anand reflected on how he felt during the 20-minute interval between the two games.

'No mental bandwidth'

"There are no words. I brought my computer but I didn't have the mental bandwidth to even turn it on," revealed Anand.

About missing the win, Anand said, "it is a pity because I really played a good game. I outplayed him. He took some liberties with the opening moves and I punished him really well. To have a chance like this in a tournament (to win) and to throw it away is really terrible."

Answering another question, Anand said, "I'll take the half point. I already blew it against Wesley (after losing the Armageddon game where he was clearly winning), so it would have been a pity to do it again."

The victory for Anand was the second of the week over Carlsen. In the blitz leg of this event, Anand came out stronger in their seventh-round clash.

As is his wont, Anand was magnanimous in his praise for the World champion. "I've said many times that he is very, very impressive. You just have to look at his tournament record and that he consistently pushes his limits so much. I've no words, he's just fantastic!"

The results: Fifth round: Viswanathan Anand (10/16.5) drew with Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 9.5/16.5); **Armageddon:** Anand bt Carlsen; Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 8.5/17) drew with Wesley So (USA, 8.5/17); **Armageddon:** Mamedyarov bt So; Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra,7/16.5) drew with Veselin Topalov (Bul, 4.5/17); **Armageddon:** Vachier bt Topalov; Aryan Tari (Nor, 7/16.5) bt Wang Hao (Chn, 3/16.5); Anish Giri (Ned, 7/16.5) bt Teimour Radjabov (Aze, 3/16).

Turning it around: Anand missed a chance to beat Carlsen in the time-format game, but roared back in Armageddon.

AICF backs Anand for FIDE post

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

edhe All India Chess Federation on Monday said it supports the candidature of Viswanathan Anand for the post of FIDE deputy president, clarifying its stand after anonymous emails claimed that former AICF secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan was the right candidate for the job.

Anand will be contesting for the post as part of incumbent FIDE (the sport's global body) president Arkady Dvorkovich's team.

Recently-appointed AICF interim secretary Vipnesh Bhardwaj said he has always supported Anand's candidature for the post.

Shiva strikes gold

KIYG

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Shiva Narwal lent a touch of class to the shooting competition in the Khelo India Youth Games as he rose spectacularly to clinch the gold medal in air pistol at the Karni Singh Range on Monday.

After dominating the qualification phase with a world class 588, five points better than that of the eventual silver medallist and Haryana teammate Samrat Rana, Shiva overcame a sedate start in the second stage of qualification.

It may be noted that Shiva had won the junior team gold, along with Naveen and Sarabjot Singh, in the World Championship in Lima,, last year.

Interestingly, the top three in the first stage of qualification ended up bagging the medals in the same order.

From trailing in the sixth place in the eight-member field, Shiva jumped to the lead to qualify for the gold match.

He was dominant at 12-4 in the climax, before Samrat caught up to 12-10 with better shots. Shiva affixed his final stamp of authority with two better shots than his rival to prevail 16-10.

Sahil who had started well, eventually settled for the bronze medal ahead of Mukesh Nelavalli, Aditya Chaudhary, Parmod, Sagar Bhargava and Varun Dubey.

The youth women's competition is expected to be equally spectacular on Tuesday owing to the presence of Rhythm Sangwan, Palak Ghulia and Shikha Narwal.

Haryana on top

Haryana's grapplers secured four gold medals to help it climb to the top of the table on Monday. It added four gold medals to take its tally to an impressive 16 gold, eight silver and 16 bronze.

Apart from the wrestling gold medals, Haryana also won two gold medals in weightlifting and a yellow metal each in shooting, yoga, and cycling.

Defending champion Maharashtra dropped to second with 13 gold, six silver and seven bronze.

The results: Youth men's air pistol: 1. Shiva Narwal 16 (250.5) 588; 2. Samrat Rana 10 (249.6) 583; 3. Sahil 247.2 (580).

Podium finishers: Samrat, champion Shiva and Sahil with the air pistol medals. •KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Bale-led Wales punches ticket to Qatar

Heartbreak for Ukraine in an emotionally charged tight game

A long wait: Welsh players celebrate after securing qualification after 64 years. •GETTY IMAGES

WC QUALIFYING

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Gareth Bale led Wales to the World Cup for the first time in 64 years by beating Ukraine 1-0 to take the final European spot in Qatar on Sunday, ending war-torn Ukraine's bid for qualification.

The only goal of an emotionally charged, tight game in a rainy Welsh capital came when Bale's free kick in the 34th minute was inadvertently headed into his own net by Andriy Yarmolenko.

Meets USA in its opener

Wales will now open at the World Cup against the United States on Nov. 21 before playing Iran and England.

The Welsh also played their neighbors at the 2016 European Championship when they lost to England in the group stage but still went on to reach the semifinals at their first tournament since the 1958 World Cup.

The trip to Qatar gives Bale a chance to finally play on the sport's biggest stage. But the five-time Champions League winner is without a club for next season after being released by Madrid.

While saying he has "loads" of offers, the 32-year-old free agent had been coy about his playing future.

This was an agonising end to Ukraine's emotionally charged mission to qualify for Qatar while remaining under invasion by Russia.

The right leg of Wales goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey kept out Viktor Tsyhankov's poked shot 10 minutes into the second half as Ukraine searched in vain for an equaliser.

Artem Dovbyk's header in the 84th minute looked destined for the corner of the net until it was pushed away by Hennessey's left hand.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
KIYG 2022: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka vs Australia: 1st T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 7 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12 a.m. (Wednesday)
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF

Lee wins US Women's Open with scoring record

WASHINGTON

Australia's Minjee Lee won the 77th US Women's Open golf on Sunday, rolling to a four-stroke victory to capture her second career Major title. The 26-year-old from Perth fired a level par 71 in the final round to finish on a 72-hole event record 13-under 271. One better than the 272 ared by Swede Annika Sorenstam (1996), American Juli Inkster (1999) and South Korean Chun In-gee (2015). AFP

FIFA U-17 Women's WC line-up completed

NEW DELHI

Morocco, Nigeria and Tanzania claimed the final three spots to complete the line-up for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 to be held from October 11 to October 30. The draw will take place on June 24. PTI

Ronaldo stars in Portugal's rout of Switzerland

NATIONS LEAGUE

ASSOCIATED PRESS
GENEVA

Cristiano Ronaldo scored his world record-extending 116th and 117th goals as Portugal routed Switzerland 4-0 in the Nations League on Sunday.

Portugal now leads top-tier Group 2 with four points after drawing 1-1 at Spain on Thursday.

The results: League A: Group 2: Czech Republic 2 (Pesek 4, Kuchta 66) drew with Spain 2 (Gavi 45+3, Inigo Martinez 90); Portugal 4 (Carvalho 15, Ronaldo 35, 39, Joao Cancelo 68) bt Switzerland 0.
League B: Group 4: Serbia 4 (Mitrovic 24, Milinkovic-Savic 56, Jovic 85, Radonjic 90+2) bt Slovenia 1 (Stojanovic 30); Sweden 1 (Elanga 90+2) lot to Norway 2 (Haaland 20-pen, 69).
League C: Group 2: Kosovo 0 lost to Greece 1 (Bakasetas 36); Cyprus 0 drew with Northern Ireland 0.
Group 4: Gibraltar 0 lost to North Macedonia 2 (Bardi 21, Nikolov 84); Bulgaria 2 (Iliev 50, Stefanov 83) lost to Georgia 5 (Davitashvili 4, Hristov 31-og, Zivzivadze 52, Kvaratskhelia 58-pen, Qazaishvili 70).
League D: Group 2: San Marino 0 lost to Malta 2 (Jan Busuttil 59, Guillaumier 75).

Uttar Pradesh bowlers tie Karnataka down

Saurabh and Mavi share seven wickets; Samarth lone batter to show positive intent

RANJI TROPHY

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Timely breakthroughs saw Uttar Pradesh restricting Karnataka to 213 for seven on the first day of their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal at the Alur grounds here on Monday.

Karnataka was let down by its batters, who failed to capitalise on good starts. Opener R. Samarth (57, 81b, 10x4) was the pick of the lot, showing positive intent in a free-flowing knock.

Karun Nair (29), K.V. Siddharth (37) and captain Manish Pandey (27) got settled in, but did not stick around for the long haul.

Left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar (four for 64) and pacer Shivam Mavi (three for 40) were outstanding for Uttar Pradesh.

A wet outfield, caused by overnight rain, delayed the start of play by around two hours. Karnataka chose to leave young batter Devdutt Padikkal out of the eleven.

Well bowled: Uttar Pradesh owed a lot to Saurabh Kumar's four-wicket haul in pegging back Karanataka. • R. RAGU

Opener Mayank Agarwal was sent back in the 13th over, when umpire Yeshwant Barde upheld Mavi's caught-behind appeal. A shocked Mayank believed that the bat was nowhere close to the ball.

Samarth looked in great touch, until he cut a delivery from Saurabh to point. Karun raised hopes with a couple of classical on-drives. A lazy waft outside off, however, gave Mavi his second scalp.

Pandey gained a reprieve on zero, when Ankit Rajpoot put down a regulation catch at mid-on. Pandey and Siddharth then shut shop, taking Karnataka to 119 for three at Tea.

Saurabh took the prize wicket of Pandey with a magical sharp turner, which squared the batter up and found the edge. Wicketkeeper Srinivas Sharath was taken out by Saurabh for a golden duck. Siddharth lost his stumps to an in-dipper from Mavi.

K. Gowtham got the pulse racing with a brutal straight six off Mavi. However, in the next over, he attempted to slog Saurabh out of the park, but only found Rinku Singh at mid-on.

Shreyas Gopal held fort with an unbeaten 26.

Best on view

Saurabh, with his nagging line just outside off, was the best bowler on view. In his long spell, Saurabh barely bowled a loose ball, and often surprised the batter with extra bounce. An edge to the wicketkeeper, slip or even backward point was always on the cards when the spinner was in operation.

Mavi presented a threat with pace and movement.

The scores: Karnataka – 1st innings: R. Samarth c Prince b Saurabh 57, Mayank Agarwal c Jurel b Mavi 10, Karun Nair b Mavi 29, K.V. Siddharth b Mavi 37, Manish Pandey c Jurel b Saurabh 27, Srinivas Sharath c Juyal b Saurabh 0, Shreyas Gopal (batting) 26, K. Gowtham c Rinku b Saurabh 12, Vijaykumar Vyshak (batting) 12; Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-1): 3; Total (for seven wkts. in 72 overs): 213.

Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-95, 3-97, 4-160, 5-160, 6-182, 7-199.

Uttar Pradesh bowling: Dayal 12-3-37-0, Rajpoot 11-2-34-0, Mavi 11-4-40-3, Saurabh 29-6-67-4, Prince 4-0-15-0, Karan 5-0-19-0.

RANJI QUARTERFINALS, DAY 1

Bengal 310/1 in 89 overs (Abhishek Raman 41 retd. hurt, Abhimanyu Easwaran 65, Sudip Kumar Gharami 106 batting, Anustup Majumdar 85 batting) vs. Jharkhand. **Toss:** Jharkhand.

Mumbai 304/3 in 86 overs (Armaan Jaffer 60, Suved Parkar 104 batting, Sarfaraz Khan 69 batting) vs. Uttarakhand. **Toss:** Mumbai.

Karnataka 213/7 in 72 overs (R. Samarth 57, Saurabh Kumar 4/67) vs. Uttar Pradesh. **Toss:** UP.

Punjab 219 in 71.3 overs (Abhishek Sharma 47, Anmolpreet Singh 47, Sanvir Singh 41) vs. Madhya Pradesh 5/0 in one over. **Toss:** Punjab.

All matches at Bengaluru.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Pareexith sets up UBI's win

Pareexith Okkunda (105 n.o.) helped Union Bank of India defeat BEML RC, Bangalore, by 40 runs in the KSCA (Group II) second division cricket tournament.

The scores: Union Bank of India 206/2 in 20 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 105 n.o., Surya Srinivas 80) bt BEML RC, Bangalore 166/7 in 20 overs (Aman Raj 63, Ronak 34).

BEML Rail Coach 134/7 in 20 overs (Aditya Mani 41, K. Muniraju 31 n.o., Ram N. Chauhan 3/23) lost to Karnataka Postal 140/4 in 17.1 overs (M. Pranav 47 n.o., K.S. Abhilash 31 n.o.).

VISL, Bhadravathi 141/7 in 20 overs (Gagan 60, Rohan 48, S.M. Shamanth 3/11) lost to HAL SC 147/5 in 18 overs (Rahul Prasanna 31, Kamal Kumar Halder 33, Dheeraj J. Gowda 41).

Karthik smashes century

M.S. Karthik smashed 155 runs as CMTI Club walloped CIL SC by 251 runs in the KSCA (Group II) third division.

The scores: CMTI Club 389/8 in 50 overs (M.S. Karthik 155, K.N. Manjunath 51, Naru 50, H.S. Phaniraj 28) bt CIL SC 138/7 in 27 overs (B.C. Likhith 71, Vikas Kumar 29).

Bosch SC, Naganathapura 158 in 29.2 overs (B.M. Satish Kumar 26, P. Manoj Kumar 44, V. Vinay Kumar 35, Rajeev Kumar 3/26, Ashish Sharma 3/34) lost to GTRE SC 161/6 in 32.2 overs (A. Murali 66 n.o., Rajeev Kumar 30, P. Manoj Kumar 3/38).

Titan Company Ltd. 267 in 50 overs (S. Nithin 41, Karna Surya Vamshi 81, Mukul Aggarwal 39) lost to Advocate Association 270/5 in 39.1 overs (Abhay Rajiv Shivam 35, Tejas Muralidhara 83 n.o., M. Vijay Kumar 91, Docca Amogh 3/48).

EPF S&RC 102 in 19.4 overs lost to Indian Air Force, Yelahanka 103/5 in 16.2 overs (Deepak Chandra Bhatt 25).

ISAC URSC 286/8 in 50 overs (Rishikesh Pandy 26, Anoop Shukla 27, Sumit Singh 113 n.o., Gurram Ravikanth 28, Sujeet Kumar 3/28, Hanuman Singh 3/34) bt IMS Health Analytics Services Pvt. Ltd. 193 in 37.1 overs (Hanuman Singh 29, Abhishek Kumar Verma 43, G. Nageswar Rao 30, Ram Prasad Dasari 25, Anoop Shukla 4/23). Secretariat 47 in 12.1 overs (R. Rahul 4/15, G.K. Srujan 4/23) lost to SWR Rail Club, Bangalore 48/1 in 7.4 overs.

L&T Cel Sports & Fine Arts Club 230 in 37 overs (K. Vinay Kumar 32, R.V. Nikhil Vedanth 25, B.C. Vinay 53 n.o., Rajamahammad 29, Mahaboobsab A. Chowdari 3/37) lost to NAL Staff Club 185/5 in 35.5 overs (A. Arun Kumar 25, J.D. Praveen Kumar 53 n.o., N. Mahesha 50 n.o.).

ABB CC 88 in 23.5 overs (S. Toufeeq 3/24) lost to Ametek Instruments India Pvt. Ltd. 89/1 in 7.1 overs (Deepak Shanker 38, S. Toufeeq 43 n.o.).

Hat-trick by Wasim as Bangalore Mars wins big

A. Wasim scored a hat-trick as Bangalore Mars FC blanked Vehicles 6-0 in the BDFA B-division league championship here on Monday.

The results: Sun Rise 2 (Sherwin D'Souza 35, Melwin Emmanuel 47) drew with Sree Gajanana 2 (Johnson Babu 28, G.P. Joshua 23); Tilak Memorial 6 (Anil Shankar 11, 21, 27, P. Praveen 12, P. Nutan 35+1, Yathi Vishwanathan 70+1) bt RS Sports 2 (Sandeep Krishnan 8, 30); South India 1 (Abhay Raj 70) drew with DYES 1 (Omprakash Hadapad 31); Bangalore Mars 6 (A. Wasim 11, 21, 31, R. Robinson 46, 51, John Gilberd 61) bt Vehicles 0.

Sadashivanagar Club beats SW Railways

Sadashivanagar Club defeated South Western Railways 709-681 in a Group-B match of the Chandra Bhatia inter-club snooker championship being held here.

Other results: Group-A: Tumkur Town Club 754 bt Koramangala Club 661.

Group C: Bangalore City Institute 681 bt Ladies Team 635.

Group-D: BEML Club (KGF) 719 bt RMV Club 679.

Rapid chess tournament on June 26

Champions Chess Academy will conduct a Rapid chess tournament in the under-16 and under-10 categories on June 26 at Krishna Garden, Rajarajeshwarinagar.

Entries close on June 24. Call Balakrishna Prabhu on 98454 66416 or 080-29900046.

Another feather in Messi's cap

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Lionel Messi scored five goals for Argentina for the first time in a 5-0 rout of Estonia in a friendly match in Spain on Sunday, becoming the fourth-highest scorer for a national team in men's football.

Messi scored twice in the first half, including from a penalty kick, and three times after the interval to reach 86 international goals. He moved past the 84 goals of former Hungary great Ferenc Puskas. Messi had never scored five times before for Argentina at senior level.

Warriors hit back to level series

Curry spearheads shooting as defence blunts Celtics' weapons

NBA FINALS

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Stephen Curry scored 29 points as Golden State Warriors roared back into NBA Finals contention on Sunday with a series-levelling 107-88 game two victory over Boston Celtics.

Curry spearheaded a deadly display of Golden State shooting, while a superb Warriors defensive effort shut down Boston's key offensive weapons.

The Warriors, who squandered a 12-point fourth-quarter lead in game one, were in no mood to allow lightning to strike twice as they cut loose to build a double-digit advantage in the third quarter to tie the best-of-seven series at 1-1.

Curry led the scoring for Golden State, with Jordan Poole (17 points), Andrew Wiggins (11), Kevon Looney (12) and Klay Thompson (11) also making double figures.

No stopping him! Curry goes for a basket as Horford, left, and White try to stop him. • AP

Jayson Tatum topped the Boston scorers with 28 points, but crucially 21 of those came in a hard-fought first half.

Only two other Boston players – Jaylen Brown with 17 points and Derrick White with 12 – cracked double digits. The Warriors defence, marshalled brilliantly by Draymond Green, suffocated Boston in the second half, with two high-scoring Celtics heroes from game one – Al Horford and Marcus Smart – held to just four points combined.

The series now moves to Boston.

Sreeshankar to clash with Tentoglou

World's best awaits Neeraj Chopra too in Stockholm

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

It's not a Diamond League event but sparks could fly when long jumper M. Sreeshankar meets Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou in Stockholm on June 30.

The organisers of the Bauhaus-Galan Stockholm Diamond League have invited Sreeshankar for the event and also for the Folksam Karlstad GP at Karlstad on July 3.

"It's not a Diamond League event this time but it is an 'additional event' in the main programme with a world-class field," Ulf Saletti, international relations and project manager, Swedish athletic meetings and athlete liaison for the Bauhaus-Galan meet, told *The Hindu* from Stockholm on Monday.

Keen competitors: Sreeshankar with Tentoglou in Athens recently. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Each WDL (Wanda Diamond League) meeting can add extra events to their programme and in Stockholm the additional events are men's long jump and women's shot put, both with local Swedish interest plus world-class athletes.

"Tentoglou and Thobias Montler (the World No. 1 and 2) are other top names in long jump right now," he said.

Tentoglou and Sreeshankar are level with 8.36m, and at No. 2, in the outdoor World list this year.

Neeraj's challenge

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra will also be in action in Stockholm in the javelin throw, which will be a Diamond League event.

"(Johannes) Vetter, (Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub) Vadlejch, (season-leader Anderson) Peters, (Julian) Weber... so nearly all will be there," said Saletti.

After Stockholm, Sreeshankar plans to go to the US and train at Chula Vista to prepare for the World championships in Oregon beginning on July 15.

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